

■ 3. Amend § 126.18 by revising paragraph (e)(2) to read as follows:

§ 126.18 Exemptions regarding intra-company, intra-organization, and intra-governmental transfers to employees who are dual nationals or third-country nationals.

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(2) Are Australian or United Kingdom parties described in § 126.7(b)(2)(ii) or (iii) or are regular employees thereof;

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Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Parts 5, 92, 93, 570, and 574

[Docket No. FR-6057-N-07]

RIN 2577-AD03

Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act: Implementation of Sections 102 and 104; Further Extension of Compliance Date

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Final rule; extension of compliance date.

SUMMARY: This document further extends the compliance date for HUD's final rule entitled Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016: Implementation of Sections 102 and 104 (HOTMA final rule) for Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs. Specifically, HUD is extending the compliance date for the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME), HOME-American Rescue Plan program, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA), Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), Emergency Solution Grants (ESG), Continuum of Care (CoC) programs, and CPD programs funded through competitive processes (Competitive Programs). This action is necessary to allow additional time for HUD to finalize necessary system updates and for CPD grantees to fully incorporate the new income and asset requirements into their programs.

DATES: The compliance date for the final rule published February 14, 2023, at 88

FR 9600, as previously extended, is further extended until January 1, 2027.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On February 14, 2023, HUD published the HOTMA final rule (88 FR 9600), which established revisions to HUD's income regulations at 24 CFR parts 5, 92, 93, 570, and 574, affecting various CPD programs. The effective date for these revisions was January 1, 2024.

Due to delays in the necessary updates to HUD's internal systems and providing CPD grantees with sufficient time to incorporate the changes into their program policies, HUD previously published two extensions. The most recent extension, published on December 31, 2024 (89 FR 106998), extended the compliance date for CPD grantees to January 1, 2026. In addition, HUD permitted CPD grantees the flexibility to implement applicable HOTMA income safe harbors (e.g., 24 CFR 5.609(c)(3), 24 CFR 92.203(a) or 24 CFR 93.151(a)) prior to full implementation deadline of the HOTMA final rule.

On January 6, 2025, HUD published the final rule (FR-6144-F-03), titled "HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Program Updates and Streamlining" (the 2025 HOME final rule). This rule extended the HOTMA compliance date for the HOME program until February 5, 2026, or later, as determined by HUD in 24 CFR 92.3. On February 3, 2025, HUD delayed the

effective date of some elements of the HOME final rule, including changes to the income regulations at 24 CFR 92.203, until April 20, 2025, and delayed the required compliance date of those provisions until April 20, 2026.

The 2025 HOME final rule expanded the income safe harbors in 24 CFR 92.203 to include additional forms of public assistance and expanded the entities from which PJs may accept income determinations for rental projects, including small scale projects and HOME funded tenant-based rental assistance programs. Additionally, it reduced the frequency of income determinations in TBRA programs.

II. Further Extensions of the HOTMA Final Rule Compliance Date and Expanded Income Safe Harbors

HUD has determined that a further extension of the HOTMA final rule is necessary. Despite the prior extension of the HOTMA final rule, additional time is required for HUD to complete the complex programming and testing of its systems that support CPD programs to ensure full compliance with all of the HOTMA final rule provisions. Furthermore, CPD grantees will require additional time after HUD's system updates and final guidance are released to integrate these changes into their local program operations, update their own software, and train staff.

Therefore, in recognition of these ongoing operational issues and the need for a smooth, effective transition, HUD is exercising its authority to further extend the compliance deadline for the HOTMA final rule. CPD grantees may continue to set their own compliance dates as early as January 1, 2024, but must be in full compliance no later than the date established by this document.

As in the prior extension of the HOTMA final rule's compliance date, HUD is permitting CPD grantees the choice to implement applicable income safe harbors in 24 CFR 5.609(c)(3). Additionally, HUD is permitting HOME PJs the choice to implement all expanded income safe harbors and flexibilities described in 24 CFR 92.203 of the 2025 HOME final rule without implementing the remaining provisions of the regulations updated by the HOTMA final rule.

Lastly, HUD reminds CPD grantees and project owners to comply with the most recent publication of the Federally Mandated Exclusions from Income (FR-6410-N-01), published on January 31, 2024, when making income determinations, even if they have not yet implemented the HOTMA final rule.

III. Conclusion

Accordingly, HUD extends the January 1, 2026, compliance date for implementing the changes made by the HOTMA final rule to 24 CFR parts 5, 92, 93, 570, and 574 for the CPD programs described in this document until January 1, 2027. Until this date, CPD grantees may continue to adhere, as applicable, to the requirements found in both their program regulations and the regulations at 24 CFR 5.603, 24 CFR 5.609, 24 CFR 5.611, and 24 CFR 5.617 as they existed prior to January 1, 2024.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Shape-Based Labeling Lists

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service (USPS®) is amending *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM®) in various sections to implement shape-based labeling lists for SCF letters, flats, and parcels.

DATES: Effective Date: February 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doriane Harley at (202) 268-2537 or Dale Kennedy at (202) 268-6592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service (USPS®) is implementing shape-based labeling lists for SCF prepared mailpieces. Labeling lists L005, L016, and L051 will be used for letters, flats, and parcels respectively.

Market Dominant comments on Proposed changes and USPS responses.

The Postal Service did not receive any formal comments on the April 2024 proposed rule (90 FR 52266-52270).

The Postal Service adopts the following changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM), incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*. We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

Accordingly, the Postal Service amends Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations as follows (see 39 CFR 111.1):

PART 111—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301-307; 18 U.S.C. 1692-1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401-404, 414, 416, 3001-3018, 3201-3220, 3401-3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3629, 3631-3633, 3641, 3681-3685, and 5001.

■ 2. Revise the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) as follows:

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

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207 Periodicals

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18.0 General Mail Preparation

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18.3 Presort Terms

Terms used for presort levels are defined as follows:

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[Revise items (p) and (q) to read as follows:]

p. *SCF:* the separation includes pieces for two or more 3-digit areas served by the same sectional center facility (SCF)/local processing center (LPC [letters/ flats]) or regional processing and distribution center (RPDC [parcels]) (see L005, Column B for letters, L016, Column B for flats, and L051, Column B for parcels).

q. *Origin/entry SCF:* the separation includes bundles for one or more 3-digit areas served by the same sectional center facility (SCF)/local processing center (LPC [letters/ flats]) or regional processing and distribution center (RPDC [parcels]) (see L005, Column B for letters, L016, Column B for flats, and L051, Column B for parcels) in whose service area the mail is verified/entered.

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18.4 Mail Preparation Terms

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22.0 Preparing Nonbarcoded (Presorted) Periodicals

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22.6 Sack Preparation

[Revise items (c) and (d) to read as follows:]

c. *SCF/LPC*, required at 72 pieces, optional at 24 pieces minimum.

1. Line 1: use L016, Column B for flats, L051, Column B for parcels.

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “SCF”; followed by “NON BC” for flats.

d. *Origin/entry SCF/LPC*, required for the SCF/LPC of the origin (verification) office, optional for the SCF/LPC of an entry office other than the origin office, (no minimum).

1. Line 1: use L016, Column B for flats, L051, Column B for parcels.

2. Line 2: use “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “NONSTD” as applicable; followed by “SCF”; followed by “NON BC” for flats.

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22.7 Tray Preparation—Flat-Size Nonbarcoded Pieces

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[Revise items (d) and (e) to read as follows:]

d. *SCF/LPC*, required at 72 pieces, optional at 24 pieces minimum.

1. Line 1: L016, Column B.

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS”; followed by “SCF NON BC.”

e. *Origin SCF/LPC* (required) and entry SCF/LPC(s) (optional), no minimum, labeling:

1. Line 1: L016, Column B.

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS”; followed by “SCF NON BC.”

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23.0 Preparing Carrier-Route Periodicals

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25.0 Preparing Flat-Size Barcoded (Automation) Periodicals

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25.4 Sacking and Labeling

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[Revise items (c) and (d) to read as follows:]

c. *SCF/LPC*, required at 72 pieces, optional at 24 pieces; fewer pieces not permitted; labeling:

1. Line 1: use L016, Column B.

2. Line 2: use “PER FLTS SCF BC” or “NEWS FLTS SCF BC,” as applicable.

d. *Origin SCF/LPC* (required) and entry SCF/LPC(s) (optional), no minimum; labeling:

1. Line 1: use L016, Column B.

2. Line 2: use “PER FLTS SCF BC” or “NEWS FLTS SCF BC,” as applicable.

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25.5 Tray Preparation—Flat-Size Barcoded Pieces

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