

**Discussion:** The Act empowers the Executive Director to exercise final approval over any settlement agreement. Otherwise, no settlement agreement shall "become effective." See 2 U.S.C. 1414. This procedural rule provides a dispute resolution procedure which is designed to preserve the confidentiality of any settlement agreement to the maximum extent possible, should the parties not include another dispute resolution mechanism in the settlement agreement which is approved by the Executive Director.

**§9.06 Payments required pursuant to Decisions, Awards, or Settlements under section 415(a) of the Act.** Whenever a decision or award pursuant to sections 4050, 406(e), 407, or 408 of the Act, or an approved settlement pursuant to section 414 of the Act, require the payment of funds pursuant to section 415(a) of the Act, the decision, award, or settlement shall be submitted to the Executive Director to be processed by the Office for requisition from the account of the Office of Compliance in the Department of the Treasury, and payment.

**Discussion:** This rule memorializes existing practices authorized under section 415(a) of the Act.

**§9.07 Revocation, Amendment or Waiver of Rules.**

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8544. A letter from the Director, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — 2002 Farm Bill — Conservation Reserve Program — Long-Term Policy (RIN: 0560-AG74) received May 20, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8545. A letter from the Assistant Director, Directives and Regulations Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts, Modification of Contracts (RIN: 0596-AC16) received May 11, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8546. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Animal Welfare; Definition of Animal [Docket No. 98-106-3] (RIN: 0579-AB69) received June 7, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8547. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Plum Pox Compensation [Docket No. 00-035-3] (RIN: 0579-AB19) received June 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8548. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Ag-

riculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Spring Viremia of Carp; Payment of Indemnity [Docket No. 02-091-1] received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8549. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas [Docket No. 04-038-1] received May 26, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8550. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas [Docket No. 04-025-1] received June 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8551. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 04-036-1] received June 8, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8552. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2004-0174; FRL-7362-9] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8553. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; OFI Lending (RIN: 3052-AB96) received May 28, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8554. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa [R07-OAR-2004-IA-0001; FRL-7672-3] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8555. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for Virginia [FRL-7658-3] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8556. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for West Virginia [FRL-7657-4] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8557. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Definition of Volatile Organic Material or Volatile Or-

ganic Compound [IL218-2a; FRL-7661-8] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8558. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Texas; Approval of Section 179B Demonstration of Attainment, Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for Conformity for the El Paso Ozone Nonattainment Area [TX-70-2-7347a; FRL-7672-7] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8559. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the State Implementation Plan [GA-62, GA-64-200418; FRL-7672-4] received June 9, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8560. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alphabetical Listing of Blocked Persons, Specially Designated Nationals, Specially Designated Terrorists, Specially Designated Global Terrorists, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, and Specially Designated Traffickers. — received May 19, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

8561. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8562. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's FY 2005 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8563. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 8G(h)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8564. A letter from the President, Legal Services Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8565. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the period ending March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8566. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled "Review of the Financial Operations of the Village Learning Center Public Charter School"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

8567. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress and Management's Response for the period of six months ending

March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8568. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8569. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting notice of adoption of amendments to the Procedural Rules of the Office of Compliance for printing in the Congressional Record, pursuant to Public Law 104—1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 28); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

#### **NOTICE**

***Incomplete record of House proceedings. Today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.***