

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Vitiello, Director, Planning Coordination and Analysis, Policy Evaluation and Planning Staff, FSIS, USDA, Room 6904, Franklin Court, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 501-7138. If you plan to attend, please contact Ms. Lisa Parks at (202) 501-7138.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Federal-State Relations Conference" will be held August 21-23, 1995, at the Doubletree Park Terrace Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20250, (202) 232-7000. The conference will begin at noon on August 21 and at 8:30 AM on August 22 and 23. The conference will end at 4:30 PM on August 21 and 22, and at 5:00 PM on August 23.

The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for representatives from State governments to engage in an open and frank dialogue with senior USDA officials. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- August 21—12:00 PM-4:30 PM Issues raised during the
- August 22—8:30 AM-4:30 PM comment period on the "Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems" (60 FR 6674, February 3, 1995), and potential solutions.
- August 23—8:30 AM-10:00 AM FSIS Top-to-Bottom Review activities.
- August 23—10:30 AM-12:30 PM FSIS regulatory reform plans.
- August 23—1:30 PM-5:00 PM Future relations between FSIS and the States.

A transcript of the proceedings will be made and included in the public record.

Representatives from State governments will be invited to the meeting. The meeting is also open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Lisa Parks at (202) 501-7138. Also, contact Ms. Parks if you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations.

Done at Washington, DC, on August 11, 1995.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Part 116

Policies of General Application

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would raise from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million the ceiling for SBA loan assistance that SBA officials with properly delegated authority may determine on a case-by-case basis is not subject to the full review and decision-making process to determine adverse effects or incompatible development on wetlands or in a floodplain required by Executive Orders 11988 (42 FR 26951) and 11990 (42 FR 26961).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street S.W., Suite 6050, Washington, D.C. 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Kulik, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance. Telephone (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 116 of chapter 1, 13 CFR contains policies of general application for specified SBA programs. Subpart D thereof prescribes the policies and procedures for implementing Executive Orders 11988 (42 FR 26951) and 11990 (42 FR 26961), which relate to floodplain management and the protection of wetlands. Section 116.32(a)(6) provides that full implementation of the Executive Orders may be waived on a case-by-case basis in instances of actions that typically do not create adverse effects or incompatible development on wetlands and floodplains. All SBA loan assistance of \$500,000 or less is included among these types of actions. Applicants for these loans are relieved of the need to supply SBA with the necessary information and studies for the implementation of the prescribed decision-making process, reducing the cost and the time required to process such loans. This \$500,000 loan limit reflects the SBA disaster loan ceiling for any one disaster as it existed prior to April 1, 1993, and the ceiling on SBA business loan assistance as it existed prior to 1988.

This proposed rule would increase the ceiling for SBA loan assistance that may be exempt from review from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. This higher amount simply reflects the SBA disaster loan ceiling for any one disaster commencing on or after April 1, 1993 established by P.L. 103-75 (107 Stat. 740), and would also cover the ceiling on SBA business loan assistance and development company assistance.

Compliance With Executive Orders 12612, 12866, and 12778, and the Regulatory Flexibility and Paperwork Reduction Acts

SBA certifies that this rule does not have federalism implications warranting the preparation of a Federalism Assessment in accordance with Executive Order 12612.

For purposes of Executive Order 12866, SBA has determined that the proposed rule would not be a major rule. SBA certifies that the economic impact on the national economy would not exceed \$100 million and that the proposed rule would not adversely affect in a material way the economy or the environment.

SBA certifies that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*

There are no additional reporting or recordkeeping or other compliance requirements inherent in this proposed rule which would be subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35. There are no Federal rules which duplicate, overlap or conflict with this proposed rule. There are no alternative means to accomplish the objectives of this proposed rule.

SBA certifies that this proposed rule is drafted, to the extent practicable, in accordance with the standards set forth in E.O. 12778.

List of Subjects in 13 CFR Part 116

Flood Insurance, Flood plains, Lead poisoning, Small businesses, Veterans, Coastal barrier system.

For the reasons set forth above, SBA proposes to amend Part 116 of Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

Subpart D—Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection

1. The authority citation for subpart D continues to read as follows:

Authority: Small Business Act, Pub. L. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 631); Small Business Investment Act of 1958, Pub. L. 85-699 (15 U.S.C. 661); EO 11988, 42 FR 26951 and EO 11990, 42 FR 26961.

§ 116.32 [Amended]

2. Section 116.32 (a)(6) is amended by removing "\$500,000 or less" and inserting in place thereof "\$1,500,000 or less".

Philip Lader,

Administrator.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**20 CFR Parts 366 and 367**

RIN 3220-AB09

Collection of Debts

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) proposes to amend its regulations pertaining to the collection of debts by offset against other Federal payments and against tax refunds to authorize use of these collection methods for collection of debts from businesses.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael C. Litt, General Attorney, Bureau of Law, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312) 751-4929, TDD (312) 751-4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 366 of the Board's regulations deals with collection of debts by means of offset from Federal tax refunds through referrals to the Internal Revenue Service. This procedure is authorized by 31 U.S.C. 3720A. Part 367 deals with the collection of debts by administrative offset under the authority of the Debt Collection Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3716. As currently in effect, the Board's regulations as to tax refund offset and administrative offset apply to individual debtors only. The Board believes that amendment of these regulations to authorize these collection procedures against business debtors will facilitate collection of debts which may be owed to the Board.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory impact analysis is required. Information collections associated with this rule have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Parts 366 and 367

Railroad employees, Railroad retirement, Railroad unemployment insurance.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 20, chapter II, parts 366 and 367 of the Code of Federal Regulations are proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 366—COLLECTION OF DEBTS BY FEDERAL TAX REFUND OFFSET

1. The authority citation for part 366 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(5); 31 U.S.C. 3720A.

§ 366.1 [Amended]

2. Section 366.1 is amended by removing the word "individuals" and adding in its place the word "debtors".

3. Section 366.2 is amended by revising the introductory text, and paragraphs (a), (b), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

§ 362.2 Past-due legally enforceable debt.

A past-due legally enforceable debt which may be referred to the Internal Revenue Service is a debt:

(a) Which arose under any statute administered by the Board or under any contract;

(b) Which is an obligation of a debtor who is a natural person or a business;

(e) With respect to which the rights regarding reconsideration, waiver, and appeal, described in part 260 or 320 of this chapter or in other law, if applicable, have been exhausted;

(f) With respect to which either:

(1) The Board's records do not contain evidence that the debtor has filed for bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code; or

(2) the Board can clearly establish at the time of the referral that the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code has been lifted or is no longer in effect with respect to the debtor and the debt was not discharged in the bankruptcy proceeding;

§ 366.2 [Amended]

3. Section 366.2(j) is amended by removing the word "individual" and adding in its place the word "debtor".

4. Section 366.2(k) is amended by removing the word "individual" and adding in its place the word "debtor".

§ 366.6 [Amended]

5. Section 366.6(c) is amended by removing the words "individual owing the debt" and adding in their place the word "debtor".

PART 367—RECOVERY OF DEBTS OWED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET

6. The authority citation for part 367 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(5); 31 U.S.C. 3716.

2. Section 367.2 is amended by revising the introductory text and paragraph (a), (b), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

§ 367.2 Past-due legally enforceable debt.

A past-due legally enforceable debt which may be referred to another governmental agency for administrative offset is a debt:

(a) Which arose under any statute administered by the Board or under any contract;

(b) Which is an obligation of a debtor who is a natural person or a business;

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(e) With respect to which the rights described in part 260 or 320 of this chapter or the applicable law regarding reconsideration, waiver, and appeal, if applicable, have been exhausted;

(f) With respect to which either:

(1) The Board's records do not contain evidence that the debtor has filed for bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code; or

(2) The Board can clearly establish at the time of the referral that the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code has been lifted or is no longer in effect with respect to the debtor and the debt was not discharged in the bankruptcy proceeding;

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§ 367.2 [Amended]

8. Section 367.2(i) is amended by removing the word "individual" and adding in its place the word "debtor", and by removing the words "that person" and adding in their place the words "the debtor";

9. Section 367.2(j) is amended by removing the words "such individual" and adding in their place the words "the debtor";

§ 367.7 [Amended]

10. Section 367.7(c) is amended by removing the words "individual owing the debt" and adding in their place the word "debtor".

Dated: August 11, 1995.

By Authority of the Board.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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