

2. Section 50.7 is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) as follows:

§ 50.7 Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America.

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(d) A consular report of birth, or a certification thereof, may be canceled if it appears that such document was illegally, fraudulently, or erroneously obtained, or was created through illegality or fraud. The cancellation under this paragraph of such a document purporting to show the citizenship status of the person to whom it was issued shall affect only the document and not the citizenship status of the person in whose name the document was issued. A person for or to whom such document has been issued or made shall be given at such person's last known address, written notice of the cancellation of such document, together with the specific reasons for the cancellation and the procedures for review available under the provisions in 22 CFR 51.81 through 51.89.

PART 51—PASSPORTS

1. The authority citation for Part 51 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 211a; 22 U.S.C. 2651a, 2671(d)(3), 2714 and 3926; 31 U.S.C. 9701; E.O. 11295, 3 CFR, 1966–1970 Comp., p 570; sec. 129, Pub. L. 102–138, 105 Stat. 661; 8 U.S.C. 1504.

2. Section 51.72 is amended by revising paragraph (b) and adding paragraph (c) as follows:

§ 51.72 Revocation or restriction of passports.

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(b) The passport has been obtained illegally, by fraud, or has been fraudulently altered, or has been fraudulently misused, or has been issued in error; or

(c) The Department of State is notified that a certificate of naturalization issued to the applicant for or bearer of the passport has been canceled by a federal court.

3. Section 51.80 is revised to read as follows:

§ 51.80 Applicability of §§ 51.81 through 51.89.

(a) The provisions of §§ 51.81 through 51.89 apply to any action of the Secretary taken on an individual basis in denying, restricting, revoking or invalidating a passport or a Consular Report of Birth, or in any other way adversely affecting the ability of a person to receive or use a passport except action taken by reason of:

(1) Noncitizenship,

(2) Refusal under the provisions of § 51.70(a)(8),

(3) Refusal to grant a discretionary exception under the emergency or humanitarian relief provisions of § 51.71(c), or

(4) Refusal to grant a discretionary exception from geographical limitations of general applicability.

(b) The provisions of this subpart shall otherwise constitute the administrative remedies provided by the Department to persons who are the subject of adverse action under §§ 51.70, 51.71 or 51.72.

5. Section 51.83 is amended by revising the phrase “Administrator of” to read “Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services in” and by removing “Security and”.

6. Section 51.84 is amended by revising the phrase “must possess the qualifications prescribed for practice before the Board of Appellate Review” to read “must be admitted to practice in any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States”.

7. Section 51.89 is revised to read as follows:

§ 51.89 Decision of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services.

The person adversely affected shall be promptly notified in writing of the decision of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, and, if the decision is adverse to that person, the notification shall state the reasons for the decision. The notification shall also state that the adversely affected person may request reconsideration within 60 days from the date of the notice of the adverse action. If no request is made within that period, the decision is considered final and not subject to further administrative review; a decision on a request for reconsideration is also administratively final. Nothing in this section, however, shall be considered to bar the adversely affected person from submitting a new passport application as provided for in subparts B through D of this part.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Mary A. Ryan,

Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 53

[REG–246256–96]

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Failure by Certain Charitable Organizations To Meet Certain Qualification Requirements; Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions; Hearing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on proposed regulations.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of a public hearing on proposed regulations relating to the excise taxes on excess benefit transactions under section 4958 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). In addition, this document announces that persons wishing to testify in the Los Angeles, California, area will be able to make their presentations at an IRS remote videoconference site.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at 1 p.m. (EDT), and will continue Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at 1 p.m., if necessary. Requests to speak and outlines of oral comments must be received by Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the auditorium of the New Carrollton Federal Building (Building A), 5000 Ellin Street, New Carrollton, Maryland. The videoconference site for persons testifying in Los Angeles is room 5003 in the Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California.

Mail requests to speak and outlines to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG–246256–96), room 5226, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Hand deliver outlines Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG–246256–96), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Submit outlines electronically via the Internet by selecting the “Tax Regs” option on the IRS Home Page, or by submitting them directly to the IRS Internet site at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/tax_regs/comments.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, LaNita Van Dyke, (202) 622–7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations issued under section 4958 of the Code. These regulations (REG-246256-96) appeared in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 41486), August 4, 1998, and in the Internal Revenue Bulletin (1998-34 IRB 9), August 24, 1998. No hearing was scheduled at the time of publication of the proposed regulations.

The rules of § 601.601(a)(3) of the "Statement of Procedural Rules" (26 CFR part 601) shall apply with respect to the public hearing, except that persons who did not file written comments within the time prescribed by the notice of proposed rulemaking (*i.e.*, November 2, 1998) will be permitted to make oral comments at the public hearing by submitting their requests to speak and outlines in a timely manner. Any persons who wish to present oral comments at the hearing on the proposed regulations should submit an outline of the oral comments/testimony to be presented at the hearing, as well as the time they wish to devote to each subject (signed original and eight (8) copies). Submissions must be received no later than February 24, 1999.

Each speaker (or group of speakers representing a single entity) will be limited to 10 minutes for an oral presentation, exclusive of the time consumed by the government panel in asking questions of the speaker and answers to those questions.

Because of controlled access restrictions, attendees cannot be admitted beyond the lobby of the Federal Building more than 15 minutes before the hearing starts. Hearing times at the Los Angeles, California, videoconference site will be concurrent with the hearing in New Carrollton, Maryland (*i.e.*, 10 a.m. PDT).

Due to a limited seating capacity at the Los Angeles site, no more than 12 people may be accommodated at any one time in the videoconference room. Seating in the videoconference room will be made available based on the order of presentations. IRS personnel will be available at the Los Angeles videoconference site to assist speakers in using the videoconference equipment.

The IRS will prepare and provide at the hearing, free of charge, an agenda showing the scheduling of speakers. Testimony will begin with the speakers at the Los Angeles videoconference site

and conclude with presentations by the speakers in New Carrollton.

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Chief, Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 60

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Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Volatile Organic Compound Emissions From the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry Wastewater; Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is extending the public comment period on the supplement to the proposed rule for the Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry Wastewater, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 1998 (63 FR 67988). The purpose of this notice is to extend the public comment period from February 9, 1999, to March 5, 1999, in order to provide commenters additional time to review the proposed rule.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (MC-6102), Attention, Docket No. A-94-32, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460. The docket is available for public inspection and for copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the above address, or by calling (202) 260-7548 or 260-7549. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this proposed rule, contact Ms. Mary Tom Kissell, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, N.C., 27711. Her telephone number is (919) 541-4516. Her e-mail address is kissell.mary@epa.gov.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator, OAR.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1641

Debarment, Suspension and Removal of Recipient Auditors

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposed rule implements a provision in the Legal Services Corporation's ("Corporation" or "LSC") fiscal year 1996 and subsequent fiscal year appropriations acts which authorized the Office of Inspector General ("OIG") to "remove, suspend, or bar an independent public accountant, upon a showing of good cause, from performing audit services. * * * after notice to the auditor and an opportunity for hearing." This rule sets out the debarment, suspension and removal authority of the OIG and informs independent public accountants performing audit services for LSC recipients of their rights, and the standards that will apply, in connection with debarment, suspension and removal actions. The Corporation solicits public comment on the rule in anticipation of adoption of a final rule.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to the Office of Inspector General, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First St. NE., 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20002-4250. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) to LTarantowicz@oig.lsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurie Tarantowicz, Counsel, Office of Inspector General, (202) 336-8830, LTarantowicz@oig.lsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation's fiscal year 1996 appropriations act authorized the LSC Inspector General ("IG") to "remove, suspend, or bar an independent public accountant, upon a showing of good cause, from performing audit services. * * * after notice to the auditor and an opportunity for hearing." Public Law 104-134, 110 Stat. 1321, § 509(d) (1996). This provision has continuing effect in fiscal years 1997, Public Law 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, § 503(a) (1996) and 1998, Public Law 105-119, 111 Stat. 2440 (1997), and 1999, Public Law 105-277 (1998). In accordance with the statutory