

PART 4044—ALLOCATION OF ASSETS IN SINGLE-EMPLOYER PLANS

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1301(a), 1302(b)(3), 1341, 1344, 1362.

table. (The introductory text of the table is omitted.)

4. The authority citation for part 4044 continues to read as follows:

5. In appendix B to part 4044, a new entry, as set forth below, is added to the

Appendix B to Part 4044—Interest Rates Used to Value Benefits

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Issued in Washington, DC, on this 6th day of October 2000.

John Seal,

Acting Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 752

RIN 0703–AA68

Admiralty Claims

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is updating its Admiralty Claims regulations to reflect a change in the Division name and address, to update citations to the United States Code provisions, and to remove the reference to Commander, Fleet Air Caribbean, a command that has been disestablished.

DATES: Effective October 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Gregg A. Crevi, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 11), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066, (202) 685–5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR

part 752. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has made administrative corrections to the Admiralty Claims regulations. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impracticable and unnecessary, and it is therefore not required under the public rulemaking provisions of 32 CFR part 336 or Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.45. Interested persons, however, are invited to comment in writing on this amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR Part 752, or the instructions on which they are based. Changes may be initiated on the basis of comments received. Written comments should be addressed to Commander Gregg A. Crevi, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 11), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066. It has been determined that this final rule is not a “significant regulatory action” as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

It has been determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The provisions contained in this rule will have little or no direct effect on States or local governments.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of

the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

List of Subjects

Admiralty, Claims, Salvage.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 752 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 752—ADMIRALTY CLAIMS

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 752 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 10 U.S.C. 5013, 5148, and 7621–7623, 32 CFR 700.206 and 700.1202.

§§ 752.2, 752.3, 752.4, 752.5 [Amended]

2. a. In 32 CFR part 752 remove the words “Admiralty Division” and add, in their place, the words “Admiralty and Maritime Law Division” in the following places:

- (1) Section 752.2(b), (c), (d) and (g)
- (2) Section 752.4(d)
- (3) Section 752.5(a)

b. In addition to the amendments set forth above, in 32 CFR part 752 remove the date “(1982)” following all citations to the United States Code, and add, in its place, the date “(1994)” in the following places:

- (1) Section 752.2(a)
- (2) Section 752.3(a)
- (3) Section 752.4(a) and (c)
- (4) Section 752.5(b)

§ 752.2 [Amended]

3. In 32 CFR 752.2(b), remove the words “(Code 31), Navy Department, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332–2400” and add, in their place, the words “(Code 11), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066”.

§ 752.3 [Amended]

4. In 32 CFR 752.3(a), remove the word “(Admiralty)” and add, in its place, the words “(Admiralty and Maritime Law)” and remove the words “Commander Fleet Air, Carribean, for damage to fishing equipment arising in Culebra-Vieques waters, not to exceed \$3,000.”

§ 752.5 [Amended]

5. In 32 CFR 752.5(b), remove the words “Washington, DC 20362–5101” and add in their place “2531 Jefferson Davis Highway, NC/3 Room 11E54, Arlington, VA 22242–5160.”

Dated: October 2, 2000.

C.G. Carlson,

Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Alternate Federal Register, Liaison Officer.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

36 CFR Part 1258

RIN 3095–AA87

NARA Reproduction Fee Schedule

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NARA is revising its schedule of fees for reproduction of records and other materials in the custody of the Archivist of the United States. This rule covers reproduction of Federal records created by other agencies that are in the National Archives of the United States, donated historical materials, Presidential records, Nixon Presidential historical materials, certain Federal agency records in NARA Federal records centers, and records filed with the Office of the Federal Register. The fees are being changed to reflect current costs of providing the reproductions. This rule will affect members of the public and Federal agencies who order reproductions from NARA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Allard on (301)713–7360, ext. 226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published in the April 25, 2000, **Federal Register** (65 FR 24164) for a 60-day public comment period. NARA announced the availability of the proposed rule widely and posted notices in its research rooms nationwide. A copy of the proposed rule was also posted on the NARA web site for review.

Overview

NARA received over 285 timely comments by mail, fax, and email to the Comments, Inquire, and OIG Hotline mailboxes. We considered multiple comments from a single respondent (e.g., to more than one NARA email address or to provide additional examples of concerns with specific copiers) as a single timely comment. We also received a number of Congressional inquiries on behalf of constituents and have considered those inquiries also.

Most of the comments were from individuals, a number of whom identified themselves as genealogists. We received comments from 9 genealogical organizations, ranging in scope from a local genealogy club in California and a subordinate Grange unit in Wisconsin to the Ohio Society of the War of 1812 to the joint Federation of Genealogical Societies/National Genealogy Society Records Preservation and Access Committee. We received comments from several individuals who identified themselves as professional/academic historians.

In response to the comments, we have modified the fees and process for ordering pension files and clarified the effective date of the final rule. In addition, we have removed the fee for diazo microfiche reproductions (§ 1258.12(d) in the proposed rule). There is no longer a need to include this item in the fee schedule because we have completed conversion of all of the microfiche previously covered by the fee schedule to products sold through NARA’s microform publication program. The fee for published microfiche, unchanged since 1996, is \$4.25 per fiche. All other provisions in the proposed Part 1258, including the fees for other products specified in § 1258.12, are unchanged in this final rule. Following is a discussion of the major issues addressed in the comments.

Magnitude of Increases for Fixed Fee Orders

Comments: A large number of respondents commented that the fee increases for fixed fee (NATF 80 series) orders would put them beyond their reach and asked NARA to reconsider the

proposal. A recurring theme throughout these comments was that many genealogists are retired and on fixed incomes. A number of respondents voiced suspicion that NARA was intentionally discouraging requests to reduce its workload. Still others questioned why NARA was raising prices when the Federal Government was reporting a budget surplus. The Records Preservation and Access Committee, which sought input from the genealogical community before developing their position, reported that the comments to the Committee were “overwhelmingly negative” and that the \$40 fee for pension files was “almost universally condemned.” The Committee’s experience also reflects the comments NARA received directly.

Only a handful of respondents supported the proposed fixed fee order changes. The Records Preservation and Access Committee and one individual reluctantly supported the revised fees because they are based on actual costs. Several other individuals stated their full support for the fees. Four respondents in addition to the Records Preservation and Access Committee said that they could “live with” the proposed \$17–\$17.75 fee for non-pension file fixed fee orders.

NARA response: The current fees for fixed fee orders were last changed in 1991. Since that time, there have been increases in salaries, equipment costs, and postage, as well as changes in how the orders are handled that account for the additional costs. The order fulfillment system, required as part of a mandatory upgrade to our Trust Fund accounting system to meet Government financial accounting requirements and to make the system Y2K compliant, and use of a contractor to copy the records are major differences in how orders are handled.

We regret the need to increase fees for providing copies of NARA records using the fixed fee order forms and we recognize that the amount of the increase may cause a hardship for some of our customers. A major component of NARA’s mission is to provide continuing access to our archival holdings, and we do not want to diminish access provided through reproduction of the records. To provide such access requires resources. As we explained in the preamble to the proposed rule, NARA does not receive appropriations to provide copies of our holdings for the public. The cost of searching for files that are not found and providing negative responses, however, is funded by appropriations. Customers who receive copies are not also absorbing the cost for negative searches