

PART 301-5—BAGGAGE

3. The authority citation for part 301-5 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-5.5 [Amended]

4. Section 301-5.5 is amended by removing paragraph (c).

PART 301-6—COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

5. The authority citation for part 301-6 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-6.6 [Amended]

6. Section 301-6.6 is amended by adding after the phrase "and a receipted copy" where it appears in the last sentence of paragraph (b), the parenthetical phrase, "(when required under § 301-11.3(c))".

PART 301-8—REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES

7. The authority citation for part 301-8 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301-8.5 [Amended]

8. Section 301-8.5 is amended by removing the amount "\$25" in paragraph (a)(2), and by adding in its place, the amount "\$75".

PART 301-10—SOURCES OF FUNDS

9. Authority citation for part 301-10 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

§ 301.10.2 [Amended]

10. Section 301-10.2 is amended by removing and reserving paragraph (b)(3)(ii).

PART 301-11—CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

11. The authority citation for part 301-11 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5707.

12. Section 301-11.3 is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 301-11.3 Travel vouchers and attachments.

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(c) *Receipts required.* Receipts are required for allowable cash expenditures in amounts in excess of \$75. Lodging receipts are required as specified in § 301-7.9(b) and § 301-8.5(a) of this chapter. When receipts are not available, the expenditures shall be explained on the voucher.

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13. Section 301-11.4 is amended by revising the heading of paragraph (a), by revising paragraphs (b) and (c), and by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 301-11.4 Submission and review of travel vouchers.

(a) *Submission procedures.* * * *

(b) *Review to confirm travel was performed as authorized.* The travel authorizing/approving official or his/her designee (e.g., supervisor) shall review the completed travel voucher to confirm that the travel for which expenses are being claimed was performed as authorized. The individual who performs the voucher review should have full knowledge of the employee's activities. Administrative approval of the voucher shall be in accordance with § 301-11.6.

(c) *Administrative voucher review responsibilities.* The travel authorizing/approving official or his/her designee (e.g., supervisor) shall ensure that the voucher is properly prepared according to pertinent regulations and agency procedures before it is certified for payment. This agency official shall review the claim to:

(1) Ascertain accuracy of the amounts claimed;

(2) Determine whether the types of expenses claimed are authorized and allowable expenses; and

(3) Ensure that required receipts, statements, justifications, etc. are attached to the voucher in support of the claimed expenses.

(d) *Finance office responsibilities—(1) Accounting responsibilities.* The agency office which has accounting responsibilities pertaining to the payment of travel and transportation reimbursement claims shall carry out its responsibilities in accordance with procedures prescribed by the General Accounting Office (GAO) in the GAO Policy and Procedures Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, Title 7, Fiscal Procedures.¹ Additionally, agencies shall establish procedures for collecting unused passenger tickets and transportation refund applications and for initiating the refund process in accordance with 41 CFR 101-41.209 and 101-41.210 (see § 301-3.5).

(2) *Certifying officer responsibilities.* The certifying officer assumes ultimate responsibility under 31 U.S.C. 3528 for the validity of the voucher, irrespective of review of the voucher under paragraph (b) or (c) of this section.

¹ The GAO Policy and Procedures Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies is available from the Distribution Section, Room 1100, U.S. General Accounting Office, 710 4th Street, NW (corner of 4th and G Streets), Washington, DC 20548.

§ 301-11.5 [Amended]

14. Section 301-11.5 is amended by adding after the phrase "furnishing pertinent receipts" where it appears in the first sentence of paragraph (c)(3), the parenthetical phrase, "(when required under § 301-11.3(c))".

Dated: October 21, 1996.

David J. Barram,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

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41 CFR Part 302-6**[FTR Amendment 51]**

RIN 3090-AG15

Federal Travel Regulation; Increase in Maximum Reimbursement Limitations for Real Estate Sale and Purchase Expenses

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to increase the maximum dollar limitations on reimbursement for allowable real estate sale and purchase expenses incident to a change of official station. Section 5724a(a)(4)(B)(iii) of title 5, United States Code, requires that the dollar limitations be updated effective October 1 of each year based on the percent change, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, United States City Average, Housing Component, for December of the preceding year over that published for December of the second preceding year. This final rule will have a favorable impact on Federal employees authorized to relocate in the interest of the Government since it increases relocation allowance maximums.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective October 1, 1996, and applies to employees whose effective date of transfer is on or after October 1, 1996. For purposes of this regulation, the effective date of transfer is on the date on which the employee reports for duty at the new official station.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane E. Groat, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule makes the annual adjustment to the maximum reimbursement limitations for the sale and purchase of an employee's residence when the employee transfers in the interest of the

Government. The total amount of expenses that may be reimbursed in connection with the sale of a residence shall not exceed 10 percent of the actual sale price or \$23,070, whichever is the lesser amount. The total amount of expenses that may be reimbursed in connection with the purchase of a residence shall not exceed 5 percent of the purchase price or \$11,534, whichever is the lesser amount. The General Services Administration has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993. This final rule is not required to be published in the Federal Register for notice or comment. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Part 302-6

Government employees, Relocation allowances and entitlements, Transfers.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 41 CFR part 302-6 is amended as follows:

PART 302-6—ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH RESIDENCE TRANSACTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 302-6 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5721-5734; 20 U.S.C. 905(a); E.O. 11609, 36 FR 13747, 3 CFR, 1971-1975 Comp., p. 586.

§ 302-6.2 [Amended]

2. Section 302-6.2 is amended by removing the amount "\$22,398" in paragraph (g)(1) and adding in its place the amount "\$23,070"; and by removing the amount "\$11,198" in paragraph (g)(2) and adding in its place the amount "\$11,534".

Dated: October 11, 1996.

David J. Barram,

Acting Administrator of General Services.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 80, 87, 90, 100, and 101

[FCC 96-396]

Implementation of Section 403(k) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Citizenship Requirements)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Section 403(k) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 amends Sections 310(b) (3) and (4) of the Communications Act of 1934 to remove the restrictions against corporate licensees having alien officers and directors. To implement that statutory change, the Commission has amended rules relating to the citizenship of licensees of broadcast, common carrier, aeronautical en route, and aeronautical fixed radio stations to conform to the new statutory language. The Commission has also modified in part related policies regarding partnerships that it had adopted to implement the (now repealed) restrictions on foreign officers and directors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Lee Martin, Office of General Counsel, (202) 418-1754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Adopted: September 27, 1996
Released: October 9, 1996

1. On February 8, 1996, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 became law.¹ Section 403(k) of the Telecom Act amends sections 310(b) (3) and (4) of the Communications Act of 1934 to remove the restrictions against corporate licensees having alien officers or directors. In this order, we amend certain Commission rules relating to the citizenship requirements for licenses for broadcast, common carrier, aeronautical en route, and aeronautical fixed radio stations to conform to the amended statutory language. To further implement the statutory change, we also modify in part certain policies treating certain alien partners as the equivalent of alien officers and directors set forth in *Request for Declaratory Ruling Concerning the Citizenship Requirements of Section 310(b)(3) and (4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended*, 103 FCC 2d 511 (1985), *recon. in part*, 1 FCC Rcd 12 (1986) (*Wilner and Scheiner*) and in *Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Entities*, 60 FR 67332 (Dec. 29, 1995) (*Foreign Carrier Entry Order*).

2. Section 310(b) of the Communications Act applies to licenses for broadcast, common carrier, aeronautical en route, and aeronautical fixed radio stations. Prior to enactment of the Telecom Act, section 310(b)(3) precluded a license being granted to or held by any corporation with any alien officer or director, or by a corporation in which more than one-fifth of the capital stock was owned or voted by aliens. The prior version of section 310(b)(4), which

applies where another corporation directly or indirectly controls a corporate licensee, provided that the Commission may deny an application or revoke a license where any officer of the parent corporation is an alien, more than one-fourth of its directors are aliens, or more than one-fourth of the capital stock is owned or voted by aliens, if it finds that such denial or revocation serves the public interest.

3. To implement the statute, the Commission included the statutory restrictions on alien ownership set forth in sections 310(b) (3) and (4) in certain rules that define the eligibility criteria for holding licenses for certain types of broadcast, common carrier, and aeronautical stations. In addition, various other Commission actions, while not codified, also effectuate these statutory provisions. In *Wilner and Scheiner* we issued a declaratory ruling prescribing the manner in which sections 310(b) (3) and (4) apply to corporate and partnership interests. In doing so, we advised that the statutory restrictions governing foreign officers or directors apply to partners in a partnership without any limited partners, to general partners in a limited partnership, and to non-insulated limited partners. 103 FCC 2d at 520 n.43. And, in our *Foreign Carrier Entry Order*, 11 FCC Rcd at 3941-56 ¶¶ 179-219, we adopted an "effective competitive opportunities" test to be considered, along with additional public interest factors, in deciding whether it is in the public interest to permit alien ownership of licensees of common carrier radio facilities in excess of the statutory benchmarks set forth in section 310(b)(4). We identified several factors as being germane to this analysis, including "the extent of alien participation in the applicant's parent corporation (in particular the presence of alien officers and directors in excess of the statutory benchmarks)." *Id.* at 3955 ¶ 216.

4. Section 403 of the Telecom Act provides for the elimination of unnecessary Commission regulations and functions. In this context, section 403(k) amends sections 310(b) (3) and (4) to remove the restriction on a broadcast, common carrier, or aeronautical license being held by or granted to a corporation having alien officers or directors. The restrictions on how much of the capital stock may be owned or voted by aliens have not been changed.

5. Current Commission rules that govern the licensing of commercial mobile radio services (Part 20), domestic public fixed radio services (Part 21), public mobile services (Part 22),

¹ Pub. L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) ("1996 Telecommunications Act").