

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the retirement and survivors insurance program and the supplemental security income program in the areas of compliance and payment policy and to the disability insurance program in common areas of payment policy and compliance.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such payment policy subject areas as redeterminations, reporting, change of address, computations, offset, overpayments and underpayments, suspensions and terminations, garnishments, administrative finality, *res judicata*, due process, IRS levies, appeals, and retirement earnings test.

Dated: October 3, 1996.

Ronald E. Brooks,

Acting Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Notice is given that Chapter S2D, the Office of the Regional Commissioner is being amended to reflect major organizational changes in subordinate offices and other changes in functional descriptions. The changes are as follows:

Section S2D.00 *The Office of the Regional Commissioner*—(Mission):

Amend to read as follows:

The Office of the Regional Commissioner (ORC) serves as the principal SSA component at the regional level and ensures effective SSA interaction with other Federal agencies in the regions; State welfare agencies; State Disability Determination Services (DDSs); and other regional and local organizations. The office provides leadership for regional planning, implementation and evaluation of Agency goals and objectives and is accountable for the delivery of service in the administration of SSA's Retirement, Survivors and Disability (RSDI) programs, the Black Lung Benefits program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. It issues regional operating policy and procedures for these programs and evaluates program effectiveness. It

implements national operational and management plans for providing SSA service to the public and directs a region wide network of field offices (FOs), teleservice centers (TSCs) and where present, program service centers (PSCs). It facilitates integration and coordination of SSA programs with other Federal and State programs in the region. It provides overall management direction for the provision of personnel services and administrative priorities and issues policy directives consistent with national program objectives, operational requirements and systems and implements a regional SSA public affairs program. The office maintains a broad overview of administrative operations of the regional offices (ROs) of SSA's Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) and a data operations center to ensure effective coordination of SSA activities at the regional level.

Section S2D.10 *The Office of the Regional Commissioner*—(Organization):

Delete:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Program Operations and Systems (S2D1B–S2DXB).

E. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Field Operations (S2D14–S2DX4).

F. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Budget (S2D17–S2DX7).

Establish:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2D1G–S2DXG).

E. The Office of the Area Director (S2D1K–L–M–N, S2D2K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2D3K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2D4K–L–M–N–P–Q–R–S–T, S2D5K–L–M–N–P–Q–R–S–T, S2D6K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2D7K–L–M, S2D8K–L, S2D9K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2DXK–L).

F. The Office of the Teleservice Center Operations Manager (S2D2H, S2D6H).

H. The Mega Teleservice Center (S2DXJ).

Section S2D.20 *The Office of the Regional Commissioner*—(Functions):

Delete:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Program Operations and Systems (S2D1B–S2DXB).

E. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Field Operations (S2D14–S2DX4).

F. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Budget (S2D17–S2DX7).

Establish:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2D1G–S2DXG).

1. Provides support services to SSA regional components not under the line authority of the Regional Commissioner (Office of the Inspector General [OIG], Office of General Counsel [OGC], Regional Program and Integrity Review [RPIR] and OHA).

2. Provides program leadership and technical direction for regional administration of the insurance, disability and assistance programs and automated systems operations within the region.

3. Facilitates the development and interpretation of regional operating instructions and procedures covering the retirement, survivors and disability provisions of title II (RSI), title XVI (SSI) and the Black Lung Benefits program. Participates with other regional officials in the development and initiation of major regional initiatives and projects; directs assigned staff in conducting evaluations on the operational effectiveness of the instructions and guidelines provided.

4. Furnishes technical advice and coordination to the regional efforts in administering SSA's part of the Food Stamp Program, to the resolution of vocational rehabilitation issues and to the establishment of effective relationships with groups and other organizations having responsibility or interest in income maintenance or social service activities.

5. Negotiates and coordinates the maintenance of agreements with the States covering optional State SSI supplementation, mandatory State SSI supplementation and Medicaid eligibility determinations; also administers State/local coverage provisions. Participates in the review, evaluation and resolution of Federal/State financial management transactions involving the programs administered.

6. Provides program coordination and administrative guidance to State DDS administrators. Facilitates the monitoring and evaluation of the operation of the various disability programs. Facilitates the planning, development and coordination of DDS budgetary activities. Facilitates implementation of SSA systems for DDS and parent Agency structures.

7. Furnishes automated data processing systems expertise and assistance to SSA field and processing center components, to State DDS' and to state/local programs. Coordinates regional needs and interests in the systems area with the Associate Commissioner for Automation and

Support. Responsible for all systems analysis, programming, office automation, end-user computing functions and systems modernization activities. Coordinates the systems needs and requirements of all SSA components to ensure these needs are recognized and met in an efficient manner.

8. Furnishes leadership and program, systems/automation and management information support to all SSA components within the region, OIG, OHA and other components, that are not under the line authority of the Regional Commissioner.

9. Provides managers and employees with guidance and support services on all issues related to SSA personnel management programs and services, including recruitment and placement, performance management, classification, pay administration and benefits, employee relations, leave, etc.

10. Coordinates and facilitates the implementation of all recruitment and placement activities and employee counseling services; processes personnel actions; classifies and reviews positions and assures effective position management; provides guidance and consultation on appeals, adverse actions, discipline, performance management, retirement, health benefits life insurance and other personnel management programs and policies.

11. Provides management officials with guidance and assistance on all aspects of the labor relations program, including: impact and implementation bargaining; administration of negotiated agreements; grievance and arbitration proceedings; investigation/resolution of unfair labor practices; etc.

12. Facilitates the planning, development and coordination of SSA financial activities for SSA regional components. This may also include DDS budgetary activities. Coordinates a variety of analytical, management and staff functions in the areas of budget and resource management, including regional multi-year budget formulation, execution and modification. Provides the staff expertise in the review, tracking and evaluation of total financial policy and its administration throughout the region.

13. Facilitates the planning, development and direction of the acquisition, procurement and contracting activities for the region, including the establishment and maintenance of internal operating procedures, policies, controls and reports necessary to facilitate responsible acquisition, procurement and contract management.

14. Analyzes the continuing need for new field facilities and service in light of program expansion, changing socioeconomic patterns and technological changes. Reviews recommendations for new facilities and/or the realignment of existing service and administrative areas in terms of conformity to established standards, principles of sound administration and overall management policy. Facilitates negotiation with GSA to obtain new space, relocate or expand facilities and resolve problems in building services and protection.

15. Facilitates the design, implementation and administration of the Regional Security Plan and coordinates an ongoing program of comprehensive internal control reviews. Facilitates the planning, direction and coordination of internal security and audit programs involving systems, records, property and potential beneficiary or employee fraud. Coordinates regional activities responsible for ensuring the protection of SSA records and systems against misuse or manipulation for fraudulent purposes, and for procedures and techniques which will control access to these records and systems.

E. The Office of the Area Director (S2D1K-L-M-N, S2D2K-L-M-N-P-Q, S2D3K-L-M-N-P-Q, S2D4K-L-M-N-P-Q-R-S-T, S2D5K-L-M-N-P-Q-R-S-T, S2D6K-L-M-N-P-Q, S2D7K-L-M, S2D8K-L, S2D9K-L-M-N-P-Q, S2DXK-L).

1. Provides overall direction and leadership to district and branch offices and, where applicable, TSCs. Facilitates the establishment of long-range operating plans, schedules, goals and emphasis necessary for the attainment of regional workload goals. Coordinates area-wide activities to ensure consistency with national and regional policies and procedures.

2. Serves as the facilitator for overall service delivery to the public through the management of operational sites and program leadership for administration of the insurance, disability and assistance programs including systems support and automation. The operational sites include district and branch offices and may include TSCs.

3. Through area public relations programs, ensures the public is informed of SSA-administered programs and assists the public in obtaining benefits. Responsible for experimenting and implementing initiatives aimed at enhancing service delivery.

4. Serves as the facilitator through which management and operational aspects of district and branch office and,

where applicable, TSC responsibilities and performance are coordinated.

5. Serves as a principal point of advice and guidance to the Regional Commissioner in reflecting the interests of district and branch offices and, where applicable, TSCs on operational and administrative concerns and considerations, including the determination of overall priorities for the area. Facilitates the review and analysis of administrative and program management policies; reports significant problems and trends to the Regional Commissioner and recommends effective solutions to problems identified.

6. Ensures that district managers are carrying out their assigned responsibilities fully and effectively. Assures sound working relationships are established and maintained between district offices and DDSs, large employers, unions, medical associations and organizations, Federal, State, and local agencies, major information media, etc. Facilitates the administration of programs to obtain the advantages of coordinated, area-wide effort in such fields as public affairs, community relations, recruiting, training, career development, equal opportunity and parallel functions.

7. Provides leadership and guidance to district managers and, where applicable, TSC managers in the effective utilization of budgetary and staffing allocations to ensure unified and balanced program administration. Facilitates the development and implementation of a program for coordinated management of personnel and workloads.

F. The Office of the Teleservice Center Operations Manager (S2D2H, S2D6H).

1. Provides overall direction and leadership to TSCs. Facilitates the establishment of long-range operating plans, schedules, goals and emphasis necessary for the attainment of regional workload goals. Coordinates TSC activities to ensure consistency with national and regional policies and procedures.

2. Serves as the facilitator for overall service delivery to the public through the management of the TSCs and provides program leadership to the TSCs for administration of the insurance, disability and assistance programs including systems support and automation.

3. Serves as the facilitator through which management and operational aspects of TSC responsibilities and performance are coordinated.

4. Serves as the principal point of advice and guidance to the Regional Commissioner in reflecting the interests

of TSCs on operational and administrative concerns and considerations. Facilitates the review and analysis of administrative and program management policies; reports significant trends to the Regional Commissioner and recommends effective solutions to problems identified.

5. Ensures that TSC managers are carrying out their assigned responsibilities fully and effectively.

6. Provides leadership and guidance to TSC managers in the effective utilization of budgetary and staffing allocations to ensure unified and balanced program administration. Facilitates the development and implementation of a program for coordinated management of personnel and workloads.

H. The Mega Teleservice Center (S2DXJ).

1. Provides leadership and direction in the management and operation of the Mega Teleservice Center. Establishes long-range operating plans, schedules, goals and emphasis necessary for the attainment of regional workload goals. Coordinates Mega TSC activities to ensure consistency with national and regional policies and procedures.

2. Serves as the facilitator for overall service delivery to the public through the management of the Mega TSC and provides program leadership to the TSC for administration of the insurance, disability and assistance programs including systems support and automation.

3. Serves as the facilitator through which management and operational aspects of Mega TSC responsibilities and performance are coordinated.

4. Serves as a principal point of advice and guidance to the Regional Commissioner in reflecting the interests of the Mega TSC on operational and administrative concerns and considerations. Facilitates the review and analysis of administrative and program management policies; reports significant problems and trends to the Regional Commissioner and recommends effective solutions to problems identified.

5. Ensures that subordinate managers are carrying out their assigned responsibilities fully and effectively.

6. Provides leadership and guidance to subordinate managers in the effective utilization of budgetary and staffing allocations to ensure unified and balanced program administration. Facilitates the development and implementation of a program for coordinated management of personnel and workloads.

Revise as follows:

G. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Processing Center Operations (S2D25, 35, 45, 55, 75, 95).

5. Receives and coordinates new/ revised computer programs/systems and resolves exceptions in case processing. Maintains accounting controls and ensures that magnetic tape records reflect actual authorized payment actions.

Add:

7. Where applicable, provides leadership and direction for service delivery to the public through the management of TSCs within the respective region. Establishes long-range operating plans, schedules, goals and emphasis necessary for the attainment of workload goals. Coordinates TSC activities to ensure consistency with national and regional policies and procedures.

Dated: September 25, 1996.

Ruth A Pierce,

Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources.

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STATE DEPARTMENT

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Overseas Security Advisory Council Notice of Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19 and 20, at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1) and (4), it has been determined the meeting will be closed to the public. Matters relative to classified national security information as well as privileged commercial information will be discussed. The agenda calls for the discussion of classified and corporate proprietary/security information as well as private sector physical and procedural security policies and protective programs at sensitive U.S. Government and private sector locations overseas.

For more information contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20522-1003, phone: 202-663-0869.

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Gregorie W. Bujac,

Director of the Diplomatic Security Service.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Entry Into Force of Trade Agreement With the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Grant of Most- Favored-Nation Treatment to Products of Cambodia

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of entry into force of trade agreement.

SUMMARY: On October 4, 1996, the Acting United States Trade Representative (USTR) signed a trade agreement with the Kingdom of Cambodia (Cambodia) obligating reciprocal most-favored-nation treatment between Cambodia and the United States. The trade agreement entered into force as of October 25, 1996, the effective date of this notice, after which time all products of Cambodia entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, shall be granted most-favored-nation treatment by the United States. Cambodia was formerly known as "Kampuchea" and appears as such in the 1996 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

DATES: The effective date of this notice is Friday, October 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Damond, Director for Southeast Asia, (202) 395-6813, or Thomas Robertson, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-6800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 25, 1996, President Clinton signed into law H.R. 1642 (Public Law No. 104-203), which makes products of Cambodia eligible for most-favored-nation (MFN) treatment by the United States as of the effective date of a notice published in the Federal Register by the USTR that a trade agreement between the United States and Cambodia containing reciprocal MFN obligations has entered into force. Cambodia is currently referred by its old name of "Kampuchea" in the 1996 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. On October 4, 1996, the United States and Cambodia signed a bilateral trade agreement containing reciprocal MFN obligations. Through an exchange of written notes of acceptance of the terms of the agreement by the two parties on October 25, 1996, the parties brought the agreement into force. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of Public Law No. 104-203, products of Cambodia entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for