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TITLE 5--GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYEES

PART I--THE AGENCIES GENERALLY

CHAPTER 5--ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

SUBCHAPTER II--ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Sec. 553. Rule making

(a) This section applies, according to the provisions thereof, except to the extent that there is involved--

- (1) a military or foreign affairs function of the United States;
- or
- (2) a matter relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts.

(b) General notice of proposed rule making shall be published in the Federal Register, unless persons subject thereto are named and either personally served or otherwise have actual notice thereof in accordance with law. The notice shall include--

- (1) a statement of the time, place, and nature of public rule making proceedings;
- (2) reference to the legal authority under which the rule is proposed; and
- (3) either the terms or substance of the proposed rule or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

Except when notice or hearing is required by statute, this subsection does not apply--

- (A) to interpretative rules, general statements of policy, or rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice; or
- (B) when the agency for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons therefor in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.

(c) After notice required by this section, the agency shall give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making through submission of written data, views, or arguments with or without opportunity for oral presentation. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the agency shall incorporate in the rules adopted a concise general statement of their basis and purpose. When rules are required by statute to be made on the record after opportunity for an agency hearing, sections 556 and 557 of this title apply instead of this subsection.

(d) The required publication or service of a substantive rule shall be made not less than 30 days before its effective date, except--

- (1) a substantive rule which grants or recognizes an exemption or relieves a restriction;
- (2) interpretative rules and statements of policy; or
- (3) as otherwise provided by the agency for good cause found and published with the rule.

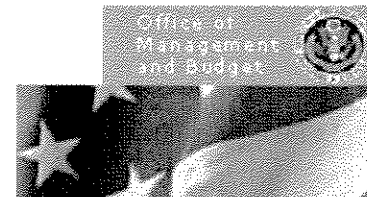
(e) Each agency shall give an interested person the right to petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 383.)



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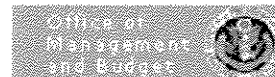
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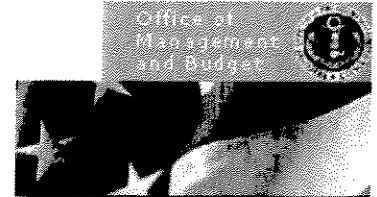
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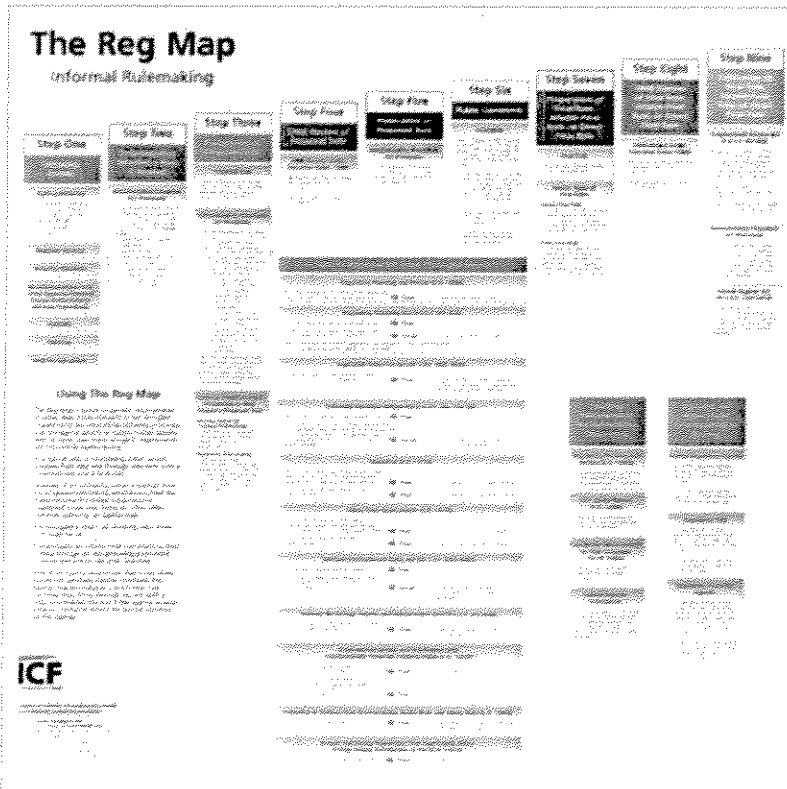
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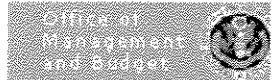
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RIN

Major

- Yes No Undetermined

RFA Section 610 Review

- Section 610 Review
 Completion of a Section 610 Review
 Rulemaking Resulting From a Section 610 Review

RIN Status

- First Time Published in The Unified Agenda
 Previously Published in The Unified Agenda

Federalism Implications

- Yes No Undetermined

Small Entities Affected

- Business
 Governmental Jurisdictions
 Organizations No Undetermined

Priority

- Economically Significant
 Other Significant
 Substantive, Nonsignificant
 Routine and Frequent Info./Admin./Other

Agency Has Prepared or Plans to Prepare Statement of Energy Effects Yes No Undetermined

Legal Deadline - Action

- NPRM Final Other

Timetable - FR Citation

Included in the Regulatory Plan

- Yes No

Government Levels Affected

- Federal Local
 State Tribal
 None Undetermined

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking

- Prerule Stage
 Proposed Rule Stage Final Rule Stage
 Long-Term Actions Completed Actions

Agency reported Affected Sectors using NAICS codes

- Yes No

Unfunded Mandates

- State, Local, or Tribal Governments
 Private Sector
 No Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required

- Business
 Governmental Jurisdictions
 Organizations
 No Undetermined

Agency has reported Compliance Cost Information

- Yes No

Legal Deadline - Source

- Statutory Judicial

Timetable - Action(s) *

ANPRM
ANPRM Comment Period End
Begin Review

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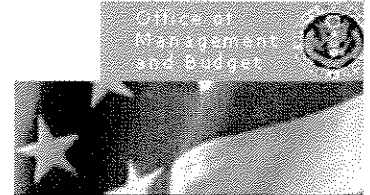
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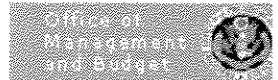
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USDA/RHS	Final Rule Stage	Guaranteed Single-Family Housing	Spring 2008	0575-AC18
USDA/RHS	Completed Actions	Thermal Requirements	Spring 2008	0575-AC65
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Tuberculosis in Cattle; Import Requirements	Spring 2008	0579-AB44
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Animal Welfare; Regulations and Standards for Birds	Spring 2008	0579-AC02
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Minimum Age Requirements for the Transport of Animals	Spring 2008	0579-AC14
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Tuberculosis in Cattle; Import Requirements for Roping Steers	Spring 2008	0579-AC50
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Handling of Animals; Contingency Plans	Spring 2008	0579-AC69
USDA/APHIS	Proposed Rule Stage	Bovine Tuberculosis	Spring 2008	0579-AC73
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USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Phytophthora Ramorum; Quarantine and Regulations	Spring 2008	0579-AB82
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Interstate Movement of Sheep and Goats; Approved Livestock Facilities, Identification, and Recordkeeping Requirements	Spring 2008	0579-AB84
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Boll Weevil; Quarantine and Regulations	Spring 2008	0579-AB91
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USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Agricultural Inspection and AQI User Fees Along the U.S./Canada Border	Spring 2008	0579-AC06
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Citrus Canker; Quarantine of the State of Florida	Spring 2008	0579-AC07
USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	User Fees; Export Certification for Plants and Plant Products	Spring 2008	0579-AC22
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USDA/APHIS	Final Rule Stage	Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia; Interstate Movement and Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish	Spring 2008	0579-AC74
USDA/APHIS	Long-Term Actions	Animal Welfare: Marine Mammals; Nonconsensus Language and Interactive Programs	Spring 2008	0579-AB24
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USDA/APHIS

RIN: 0579-AC50

Publication ID: Spring 2008

Title: Tuberculosis in Cattle; Import Requirements for Roping Steers

Abstract: This rulemaking would amend the animal importation regulations to require that steers and spayed heifers with more than 3 inches of horn growth that are entering the United States from Mexico meet more stringent tuberculosis testing requirements than those with 3 inches or less. In their current form, the regulations do not distinguish between steers and spayed heifers imported strictly as feeders and those with sufficient horn growth to enable them to be used as rodeo cattle. Steers and spayed heifers used as rodeo cattle are often maintained longer than feeder cattle and generally come into contact with other cattle in more locations than do steers and spayed heifers imported for feeding purposes. The longer the lifespan of an animal, the greater the chances are that, if exposed to tuberculosis, it will contract the disease, develop generalized disease, and spread it to other animals. The risk of tuberculosis spread is also increased by the number of animals that are exposed to a tuberculosis-infected animal. We believe the risks of tuberculosis transmission associated with rodeo cattle justify requiring more rigorous tuberculosis testing for such animals than for those imported as feeders. This rulemaking is intended to reduce the risk of imported cattle transmitting tuberculosis to domestic livestock in the United States. This rulemaking replaces a previously published proposed rule, which we are withdrawing as part of this document, that would have required that steers and spayed heifers with any evidence of horn growth that are entering the United States meet the same tuberculosis testing requirements as sexually intact animals entering the United States.

Agency: Department of Agriculture(USDA)

Priority: Other Significant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Proposed Rule Stage

Major: No

Unfunded Mandates: No

CFR Citation: 9 CFR 93 (To search for a specific CFR, visit the [Code of Federal Regulations](#).)

Legal Authority: [7 USC 1622](#); [7 USC 8301 to 8317](#); [21 USC 136 and 136a](#); [31 USC 9701](#)

Legal Deadline: None

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/2008	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/2009	

Additional Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: None

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Federalism: No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

RIN Data Printed in the FR: Yes

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DOL/EBSA**RIN:** 1210-AB08**Publication ID:** Spring 2008**Title:** Amendment of Standards Applicable to General Statutory Exemption for Services

Abstract: This rulemaking will amend the regulation setting forth the standards applicable to the exemption under ERISA section 408(b)(2) for contracting or making reasonable arrangements with a party in interest for office space or services (29 CFR 2550.408b-2). This amendment will ensure that plan fiduciaries are provided or have access to that information necessary to a determination of whether an arrangement for services is "reasonable" within the meaning of the statutory exemption.

Agency: Department of Labor(DOL)**Priority:** Economically Significant**RIN Status:** Previously published in the Unified Agenda**Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Final Rule Stage**Major:** Yes**Unfunded Mandates:** No**CFR Citation:** 29 CFR 2550 (To search for a specific CFR, visit the [Code of Federal Regulations](#).)**Legal Authority:** [29 USC 1108\(b\)\(2\)](#); [29 USC 1135](#)**Legal Deadline:** None

Statement of Need: This regulation is needed to eliminate the current uncertainty as to what information relating to services and fees plan fiduciaries must obtain and service providers must furnish for purposes of determining whether a contract for services to be rendered to a plan is reasonable.

Summary of the Legal Basis: Section 505 of ERISA provides that the Secretary may prescribe such regulations as she finds necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of title I of the Act. Regulation 29 CFR 2550.408b-2 sets for the conditions necessary for relief, including the requirement that such contract or arrangement is reasonable.

Alternatives: Alternatives will be considered following a determination of the scope and nature of the regulatory guidance needed by the public.

Anticipated Costs and Benefits: Preliminary estimates of the anticipated costs and benefits will be developed, as appropriate, following a determination regarding the alternatives to be considered.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/13/2007	72 FR 70988
NPRM Comment Period End	02/11/2008	
Final Action	11/00/2008	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Federalism:** No**Included in the Regulatory Plan:** Yes**RIN Data Printed in the FR:** No**Agency Contact:**

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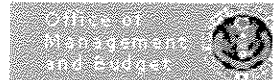
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AGENCY: DOL-EBSA **RIN:** [1210-AB27](#)
TITLE: Genetic Information Nondiscrimination
STAGE: Prerule **ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:** No
RECEIVED DATE: 09/18/2008 **LEGAL DEADLINE:** Statutory
COMPLETED: [10/02/2008](#) **COMPLETED ACTION:** Consistent with Change

AGENCY: DOL-ESA **RIN:** [1215-AB64](#)
TITLE: Labor Organization Annual Trust Report, Form T-1
STAGE: Final Rule **ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:** No
RECEIVED DATE: 08/12/2008 **LEGAL DEADLINE:** None
COMPLETED: [09/24/2008](#) **COMPLETED ACTION:** Consistent with Change

AGENCY: DOL-ETA **RIN:** [1205-AB50](#)
TITLE: Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, Amendment of Regulations
STAGE: Final Rule **ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:** No
RECEIVED DATE: 08/25/2008 **LEGAL DEADLINE:** None
COMPLETED: [10/15/2008](#) **COMPLETED ACTION:** Consistent with Change

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Publication ID: Spring 2008

Title: Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, Amendment of Regulations

Abstract: Regulations that implement the National Apprenticeship Act at title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29 have not been updated since it was first promulgated in 1977. The Department of Labor (DOL) proposes to update 29 CFR part 29 to ensure that the National Registered Apprenticeship System has the necessary tools and flexibility to keep pace with changes in the economy, technological advances, and corresponding workforce challenges. The proposed rule addresses those changes by both making the procedures for apprenticeship program registration more flexible and strengthening oversight of program performance, including DOL's recognition of a State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) as the appropriate agency for registering local apprenticeship programs for Federal purposes, and DOL's de-recognition of a SAA. The proposed rule also updates part 29 to incorporate gender-neutral terms and technological advances in the delivery of related technical instruction. Such revisions will enable DOL to promote apprenticeship opportunity in the 21st century while continuing to safeguard the welfare of apprentices.

Agency: Department of Labor(DOL)

Priority: Other Significant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Final Rule Stage

Major: No

Unfunded Mandates: No

CFR Citation: 29 CFR 29 (Revision) (To search for a specific CFR, visit the [Code of Federal Regulations](#).)

Legal Authority: 50 Stat 664, as amended (29 USC 50; 40 USC 3145; 5 USC 301)

Legal Deadline: None

Statement of Need: Regulations for the Registered Apprenticeship System at Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29 have not been updated since the Department of Labor promulgated them in 1977. The regulations must be updated to ensure that the regulatory framework for the Registered Apprenticeship System aligns with technological advancements, changes in the economy, and corresponding workforce challenges that have occurred in the past three decades. The proposed revisions will enable the Registered Apprenticeship System to continue its vital role in developing a skilled, competitive American workforce.

Summary of the Legal Basis: The regulation is authorized by Sec. 1, 50 Stat., as amended 929 U.S.C. 50; 40 U.S.C. 276c; 5 U.S.C. 301), and Reorganization Plan No. 14 of 1950, 64 Stat. 1267 (5 U.S.C. App. P. 534).

Alternatives: The public will be afforded an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed revisions of the Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration when the Department publishes the proposed rule in the Federal Register.

Anticipated Costs and Benefits: Preliminary estimates of anticipated costs of this regulatory action have not been determined at this time and will be determined at a later date, if appropriate.

Risks: This action does not affect public health, safety, or the environment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/13/2007	72 FR 71020
NPRM Comment Period End	02/11/2008	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	03/12/2008	73 FR 7693
Final Action	11/00/2008	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

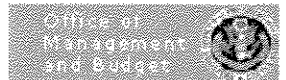
Federalism: No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: Yes

RIN Data Printed in the FR: No

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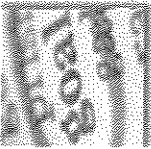
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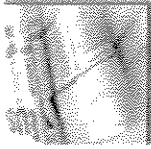
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Abstract proposes to issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking soliciting public information on relevant data when developing risk assessments for health standards regulating occupational exposure to toxic substances and hazardous chemicals, and to electronically post rulemaking documents and underlying studies used in a risk assessment.

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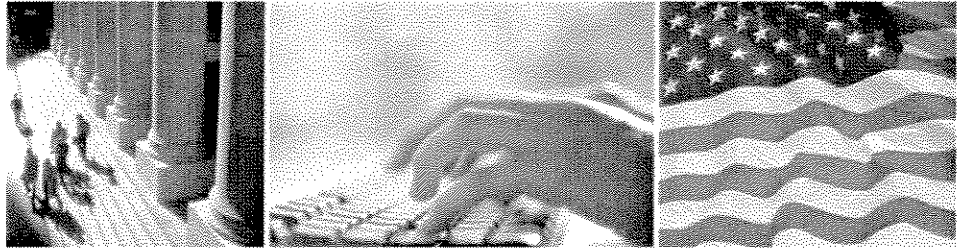
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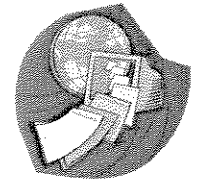
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