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Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Peace Corps.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This agenda announces the regulations the Peace Corps will have under development during the 6-month period from April 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003. The purpose of publishing this agenda is to give notice of any regulatory activity by the Agency in order to allow the public an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The public is encouraged to contact the agency official listed for the particular agenda item. For other information concerning Peace Corps' regulations or this semiannual agenda, contact Suzanne B. Glasow, Associate General Counsel, Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street NW., Washington, DC 20526, (202) 692-2150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Executive Order 12866 entitled "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, executive agencies are required to publish in the **Federal Register** semiannual regulatory agendas in April and October of each year. The regulations being considered

by the Peace Corps are not "significant" rules within the meaning of Executive Order 12866, and no regulatory impact analysis is required. In addition, the Peace Corps has determined, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that the regulations under consideration will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, no Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is required. The Agency has also determined that the regulations will not impose compliance costs or reporting burdens on the public.

Dated: April 8, 2003.

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Peace Corps—Proposed Rule Stage

| Sequence Number | Title | Regulation Identification Number |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 3624 | Handicapped Discrimination Prohibition and Procedures | 0420-AA03 |
| 3625 | Eligibility and Standards for Peace Corps Volunteer Service Re: Procedures—Appeals | 0420-AA10 |
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| 3627 | Inspection and Copying of Records: Rules for Compliance With Freedom of Information Act | 0420-AA14 |
| 3628 | Implementation of the Privacy Act of 1974 | 0420-AA15 |
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| 3630 | Supplemental Standards of Conduct for Peace Corps Employees | 0420-AA09 |
| 3631 | Responsibilities and Ethical Standards for Peace Corps Employees | 0420-AA12 |

Peace Corps—Long-Term Actions

| Sequence Number | Title | Regulation Identification Number |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 3632 | Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants) | 0420-AA17 |

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3624. HANDICAPPED DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITION AND PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 29 USC 794

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 313

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulation implements section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities

conducted by executive agencies or the Postal Service.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|--------|----------------------|
| NPRM | 10/08/91 56 FR 50684 |

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| Action | Date |
|--------------|----------|
| NPRM Comment | 12/09/91 |
| Period End | |
| Second NPRM | 09/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 0420-AA03

3625. ELIGIBILITY AND STANDARDS FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SERVICE RE: PROCEDURES—APPEALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 75 Stat 612, secs 4(b), 5(a), and 22; 22 USC 2504; EO 12137, May 16, 1979; International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1981, sec 601; 95 Stat 1519 and 1540

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 305

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is reviewing its Eligibility and Standards for Peace Corps Service, specifically with regard to establishing and publishing an appeals procedure for administrative and medical deselection. 42 U.S.C. 5057(c)(1), as amended, no longer provides authority for the listed agenda item. Therefore, 42 U.S.C. 5057, as above, shall be deleted from future printings of the Unified Agenda.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|--------|----------|
| NPRM | 09/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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3626. VOLUNTEER DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 2503; 5 USC 553 and 554

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 306; 45 CFR 1225

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is promulgating its own regulations regarding the Volunteer Discrimination Complaint Procedure to replace the current cross-reference to the former ACTION's regulations applicable to Peace Corps volunteers, which appear in 45 CFR part 1225.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|--------|----------|
| NPRM | 07/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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3627. INSPECTION AND COPYING OF RECORDS: RULES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 22 USC 2503(b); EO 12137

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 303

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is revising its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulation to implement the 1996 revisions to FOIA and to include Office of Inspector General provisions.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|--------|----------|
| NPRM | 06/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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3628. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552a; 22 USC 2503(b); EO 12137

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 308

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is revising its Privacy Act regulation to be consistent with revisions to its systems of records and to delete unnecessary and outdated provisions.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|--------|----------|
| NPRM | 10/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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3629. ORGANIZATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 22 USC 2503(b); EO 12137

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 302

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is removing this rule from the Code of Federal Regulations because it is outdated and unnecessary. Information on Peace Corps' organization is routinely updated and published in the Federal Register's "United States Government Manual."

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
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| NPRM | 06/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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3630. SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PEACE CORPS EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: EO 12674; 5 CFR 2635.105

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 307; 5 CFR 67 (New)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is removing part 307 from the Code of Federal Regulations. Part 307 provides the standards of conduct applicable to Peace Corps employees. Peace Corps employees are already subject to the Governmentwide regulations on employee standards of conduct, and the Peace Corps is considering the appropriate action to take in regard to its supplemental standards of conduct.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| NPRM | 02/05/03 68 FR 5857 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 03/07/03 |
| Final Action | 09/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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3631. RESPONSIBILITIES AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PEACE CORPS EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 7301; 5 USC app Ethics in Government Act of 1978; EO 12674; 5 CFR 2635.105; 5 CFR 2635.403; 5 CFR 2635.803

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps is removing part 307 from the Code of Federal Regulations. Part 307 provides the

standards of conduct applicable to Peace Corps employees. Peace Corps employees are already subject to the Governmentwide regulations on employee standards of conduct, and the Peace Corps is considering the appropriate action to take in regard to its own supplemental standards of conduct.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| NPRM | 02/05/03 68 FR 5857 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 03/07/03 |
| Final Action | 09/00/03 |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

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3632. GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT) AND GOVERNMENTWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: sec 2455, PL 103-355, 108 Stat 3327; EO 12549, 3 CFR 1986 Comp, p 189; EO 12698, 3 CFR 1989 Comp, p 235

CFR Citation: 22 CFR 310

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Peace Corps intends to publish proposed revisions to its Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for

Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance) rule in 22 CFR part 310 in conjunction with other participating agencies. Under the proposed rule, Peace Corps' debarment and suspension provisions would remain in part 310 and would set out procedures to be used by the Peace Corps when it has evidence that a recipient of Peace Corps funds pursuant to a nonprocurement agreement, such as grant or cooperative agreement, has committed fraud, embezzlement, forgery, or a variety of other serious offenses.

The rule's drug-free workplace provisions would be moved to a new rule, part 312, and would include requirements, prohibitions, and procedures regarding the unlawful

manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance by a grantee of the Peace Corps in conducting any activity under a Peace Corps grant.

Timetable:

| Action | Date |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| NPRM | 01/23/02 67 FR 3266 |
| NPRM Comment Period End | 03/25/02 |
| Next Action | Undetermined |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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