

§ 3.309 Disease subject to presumptive service connection.

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(c) *Diseases specific as to former prisoners of war.* (1) If a veteran is a former prisoner of war, the following diseases shall be service connected if manifest to a degree of disability of 10 percent or more at any time after discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service even though there is no record of such disease during service, provided the rebuttable presumption provisions of § 3.307 are also satisfied.

Psychosis.

Any of the anxiety states.

Dysthymic disorder (or depressive neurosis).

Organic residuals of frostbite, if it is determined that the veteran was interned in climatic conditions consistent with the occurrence of frostbite.

Post-traumatic osteoarthritis.

Atherosclerotic heart disease or hypertensive vascular disease (including hypertensive heart disease) and their complications (including myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, arrhythmia).

Stroke and its complications.

(2) If the veteran:

(i) Is a former prisoner of war and;

(ii) Was interned or detained for not less than 30 days, the following diseases shall be service connected if manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more at any time after discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service even though there is no record of such disease during service, provided the rebuttable presumption provisions of § 3.307 are also satisfied.

Avitaminosis.

Beriberi (including beriberi heart disease).

Chronic dysentery.

Helminthiasis.

Malnutrition (including optic atrophy associated with malnutrition).

Pellagra.

Any other nutritional deficiency.

Irritable bowel syndrome.

Peptic ulcer disease.

Peripheral neuropathy except where directly related to infectious causes.

Cirrhosis of the liver.

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1112(b).

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POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 501****Authorization to Manufacture and Distribute Postage Meters**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the regulations that define a postage meter and its components and a manufacturer and/or distributor of postage meters. The rule also puts forth the responsibilities of any authorized person or entity to notify the Postal Service upon a change in ownership or control, or bankruptcy or insolvency, and identifies factors the Postal Service will consider in acting upon requests for changes of approval, ownership, or control of an approved manufacturer or distributor.

DATES: This rule is effective on October 7, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Wilkerson, manager of Postage Technology Management, by fax at 703-292-4050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 2004, pages 25864-25865, with comments due on or before July 9, 2004. Written comments were received from the vendor community.

The Postal Service gave thorough consideration to these comments, and incorporated as appropriate with only minor, non-material exception. You may review comments received by submitting a request of the office of Postage Technology Management at 703-292-3691 or by fax at 703-292-4073.

The final plan follows.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 501

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

The Amendment

■ For the reasons set out in this document, the Postal Service is amending 39 CFR Part 501 as follows:

PART 501—AUTHORIZATION TO MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTE POSTAGE METERS

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 501 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 410, 2601, 2605; Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Pub. L. 95-452, as amended), 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

■ 2. Revise § 501.1 to read as follows:

§ 501.1 Postage evidencing system/ infrastructure authorization.

(a) Postage evidencing systems produce evidence of prepayment of U.S. postage by any method other than postage stamps or permit imprint. They include but are not limited to postage meters and PC Postage™ systems. The Postal Service considers the infrastructure associated with such systems to be essential to the exercise of its specific powers to prescribe postage and provide evidence of payment of postage under 39 U.S.C. 404(a)(2) and (4).

(b) Due to the potential for adverse impact upon Postal Service revenue, the following activities may not be engaged in by any person or concern without prior, written approval of the Postal Service:

(1) Producing or distributing any postage evidencing system that generates U.S. postage.

(2) Repairing, distributing, refurbishing, remanufacturing, or destroying any component of a postage evidencing system that accounts for or authorizes the printing of U.S. postage.

(3) Owning or operating an infrastructure that maintains operating data for the production of U.S. postage, or accounts for U.S. postage purchased for distribution through a postage evidencing system.

(4) Owning or operating an infrastructure that maintains operating data that is used to facilitate licensing or registration with the Postal Service of users of a postage evidencing system.

(c) Any person or entity seeking authorization to perform any activity described in paragraph (b) of this section must submit a request to the Postal Service in person or in writing.

(d) Approval shall be based upon satisfactory evidence of the applicant's integrity and financial responsibility,

and commitment to the security of the postage evidencing system, and a determination that disclosure to the applicant of the Postal Service customer, financial, or other data of a commercial nature necessary to perform the function for which approval is sought would be appropriate and consistent with good business practices within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. 410 (c)(2). The Postal Service may condition its approval on the agreement to undertakings by the applicant that would give the Postal Service appropriate assurance of the applicant's ability to meet its obligations under this section, including but not limited to the method and manner of performing certain financial, security, and servicing functions and the need to maintain sufficient financial reserves to guarantee

uninterrupted performance of not less than 3 months of operation.

(e) Qualification and approval may be based upon conditions agreed to by the Postal Service and the applicant. The applicant is approved in writing to engage in the function(s) for which authorization was sought and approved.

■ 3. Revise § 501.3 to read as follows:

§ 501.3 Changes in ownership or control, bankruptcy, or insolvency.

(a) Any person or entity authorized under § 501.1 must promptly notify the Postal Service when it has a reasonable expectation that there may be a change in its ownership or control including changes in the ownership of an affiliate which exercises control over its postage evidencing system operations in the United States. A change of ownership or control within the meaning of this section includes entry into a strategic alliance or other agreement whereby the third party has access to data related to the security of the system or the third party is a competitor to the Postal Service. Any person or entity seeking to acquire ownership or control of a person or entity authorized under § 501.1 must provide the Postal Service satisfactory evidence that it satisfies the conditions for approval stated in § 501.1. Early notification of a proposed change in ownership or control will facilitate expeditious review of an application to acquire ownership or control under this section.

(b) Any person or entity authorized under § 501.1 must promptly notify the Postal Service when it has a reasonable expectation that there may be a change in the status of its financial condition either through bankruptcy, insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or other similar financial action. Any person or entity authorized under § 501.1 who experiences a change in the status of its financial condition may, at the discretion of the Postal Service, have its authorization under § 501.1 modified or terminated.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-7825-5]

Delaware: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Immediate final rule.

SUMMARY: Delaware has applied to EPA for final authorization of revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA has determined that these revisions satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization and is authorizing Delaware's revisions through this immediate final action. EPA is publishing this rule to authorize the revisions without a prior proposal because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. Unless we receive written comments that oppose this authorization during the comment period, the decision to authorize Delaware's revisions to its hazardous waste program will take effect. If we receive comments that oppose this action, or portions thereof, we will publish a document in the **Federal Register** withdrawing the relevant portions of this rule, before they take effect, and a separate document in the proposed rules section of this **Federal Register** will serve as a proposal to authorize revisions to Delaware's program that were the subject of adverse comments.

DATES: This final authorization will become effective on December 6, 2004, unless EPA receives adverse written comments by November 8, 2004. If EPA receives any such comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal of this immediate final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that this authorization, or portions thereof, will not take effect as scheduled.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by FRL-7825-5 by one of the following methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. E-mail: ellerbe.lillie@epamail.epa.gov

3. Mail: Lillie Ellerbe, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

4. Hand Delivery: At the previously-listed EPA Region III address. Such

deliveries are only accepted during normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

You may inspect and copy Delaware's application from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following addresses: Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, Division of Air & Waste Management, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, Phone number (302) 739-3689, Attn: Karen J'Anthony, and EPA Region III, Library, 2nd Floor, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone number: (215) 814-5254.

Instructions: Direct your comments to FRL-7825-5. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public file without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The Federal <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system which means that EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public file and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillie Ellerbe, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone number: (215) 814-5454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Why Are Revisions to State Programs Necessary?

States that have received final authorization from EPA under RCRA