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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 591

RIN 3206-AL07

Allowances and Differentials

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing proposed regulations to increase the maximum annual uniform allowance rate. When civilian Federal employees are required to wear a uniform in the performance of their duties, agencies must pay a uniform allowance or furnish a uniform. Under the proposed rule, the maximum annual uniform allowance rate would be increased from \$400 to \$500.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 29, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver written comments to Jerome D. Mikowicz, Acting Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415-8200; by fax at (202) 606-0824; or by e-mail at pay-performance-policy@opm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing to increase the maximum annual uniform allowance rate. Under 5 U.S.C. 5901(a), when civilian Federal employees are required to wear a uniform in the performance of their duties, agencies must pay a uniform allowance not to exceed \$400 a year or furnish a uniform at a cost not to exceed \$400. Many agencies provide uniform allowances to employees, such as police officers, firefighters, customs and border

patrol officers, and medical personnel. Under 5 U.S.C. 5902, OPM may, from time to time, adjust the maximum uniform allowance granted to employees for the cost of their uniforms. The maximum uniform allowance rate has not been increased since 1991. The Producer Price Index—Commodities (Seasonally Adjusted) increased approximately 24 percent between January 1991 and January 2005. Therefore, we are proposing to revise the regulations at 5 CFR 591.103 to increase the maximum annual uniform allowance rate from \$400 to \$500.

E.O. 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with E.O. 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they would apply only to Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 591

Government employees, Travel and transportation expenses, Wages.

Office of Personnel Management.

Linda M. Springer,

Director.

Accordingly, OPM is proposing to amend 5 CFR part 591 as follows:

PART 591—ALLOWANCES AND DIFFERENTIALS

Subpart A—Uniform Allowances

1. The authority citation for subpart A of part 591 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5903; E.O. 12748, 3 CFR 1991 Comp., p. 316. Source: 59 FR 43705, Aug. 25, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 591.103, paragraphs (a) and (b) are revised to read as follows:

§ 591.103 Governmentwide maximum uniform allowance rate.

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(a) Pay an allowance for a uniform not to exceed \$500 a year; or

(b) Furnish a uniform at a cost not to exceed \$500 a year.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2006-25205; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-071-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain Boeing Model 767-200, -300, and -300F series airplanes. The existing AD currently requires an inspection of visually accessible areas for indications of overheating of the heater tape attached to the potable water fill and drain lines in the forward and aft cargo compartments, exposed foam insulation or missing or damaged protective tape around the potable water fill and drain lines, and debris or contaminants on or near the potable water fill and drain lines. That AD also requires corrective action, as necessary. This proposed AD would require repetitive inspections of the forward and aft cargo compartments, as applicable, for discrepancies of the potable water supply and gray water drain lines; and applicable corrective actions if necessary. This proposed AD also would require replacing the heater tapes on the potable water supply and gray water drain lines of the forward and aft cargo compartments, as applicable, with new ribbon heaters, which would end the repetitive inspections. This proposed AD results from a report of a fire in the aft cargo compartment. We are proposing this AD to prevent overheating of the heater tape on potable water fill and drain lines, which may ignite accumulated debris or contaminants on or near the potable water fill and drain lines, resulting in a fire in the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.