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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

5 CFR Part 7201

29 CFR Parts 1600 and 1650

RIN 3209-AA15

Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or Commission).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), is adopting as final without change an interim rule for employees of EEOC that supplements the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch issued by OGE. The EEOC is making final the repeal of its old agency standards of conduct regulations, which were superseded by OGE's Standards of Ethical Conduct, OGE's financial disclosure regulation, and EEOC's supplemental standards. In addition, EEOC is making final the issuance of a cross-reference, and the redesignation of EEOC debt collection procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective on July 8, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 26, 1996, at 61 FR 7065-7067, the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, with the concurrence of the Office of Government Ethics, published an interim supplemental standards rule to implement its ethics program. That interim rulemaking also repealed old EEOC standards that had been superseded by OGE's executive branchwide Standards and financial disclosure regulations, as well as EEOC's new supplemental standards. The interim rule also added a residual cross-reference provision, and redesignated EEOC's debt collection by salary offset procedures. Comments were invited from the public, to be received by EEOC on or before April 26, 1996. No comments were received, and EEOC has determined that no changes are need to the interim rule. Therefore, EEOC is, with OGE's concurrence as to the supplemental standards, adopting the interim rule, without change, as final.

In promulgating this final rule, the Commission has adhered to the regulatory philosophy and the applicable principles of regulation set forth in section 1 of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review. This regulation has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that Executive order as it deals with agency organization, management, and personnel matters and is not, in any event, deemed "significant" thereunder. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6), it is hereby certified that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it applied exclusively to EEOC employees. In addition, the Commission has determined that his final rule does not impose any information collection requirements as defined by the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects

5 CFR Part 7201

Conflict of interests; Government employees.

29 CFR Part 1600

Conflict of interests; Government employees.

29 CFR Part 1650

Debt collection.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, with the concurrence of the Office of

Government Ethics, is adopting the interim rule amending title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations and title 29, chapter XIV, of the Code of Federal Regulations, which was published at 61 FR 7065-7067 on February 26, 1996, as a final rule without change.

Dated at Washington DC, this 23rd day of June.

For the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Gilbert F. Casellas,

Chairman.

Approved: July 1, 1997.

Stephen D. Potts,

Director, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

8 CFR Part 316

[INS No. 1849-97]

RIN 1115-AE84

Adding the University of La Verne to the Listing of American Institutions of Research

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule amends the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) regulations by adding the University of La Verne (La Verne College of Athens) to the list of American institutions of research recognized by the Attorney General for the purpose of preserving residence in the United States for naturalization. Persons and their dependents who expect to be continuously absent from the United States for a year or more because of work at one of the American institutions of research recognized by the Attorney General may be given permission to be absent without interrupting continuous residence for naturalization purposes. This change is necessary because such recognized institutions are published in the Service's regulations. Based on the findings of the District Director of Los Angeles, the Regional Director of the Western Region determined and ordered on February 5, 1997, that the University