

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 685

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William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Final regulations; Correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects an omission in the final regulations for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1996 (61 FR 31358).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel Edelstein, Program Specialist, Direct Loan Policy, Policy Development Division, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3045, ROB-3, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 708-8242.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As published, the final regulations amending § 685.208(f)(2) inadvertently omitted the existing text of paragraphs (f)(2) (i) and (ii). This correction is necessary to add the missing text.

List of Subjects in 34 CFR Part 685

Administrative practice and procedure, Colleges and universities, Education, Loan programs-education, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Student aid, Vocational education.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Accordingly, 34 CFR part 685 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

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1. The authority citation for part 685 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*, unless otherwise noted.

§ 685.208 [Corrected]

2. Section 685.208(f)(2) is amended by adding paragraphs (f)(2) (i) and (ii) to read as follows:

§ 685.208 Repayment plans.

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(i) The Secretary amends the regulations relating to a borrower's monthly repayment amount under the income contingent repayment plan; and

(ii) The borrower submits a written request that the amended regulations apply to the repayment of the borrower's Direct Loans.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

Implementation of Global Package Link Service

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Interim rules with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Global Package Link Service (formerly known as International Package Consignment Service) is an international mail service designed for companies sending merchandise to other countries. The People's Republic of China (the PRC) is now being added as an additional destination country. To use Global Package Link (GPL) Service, a customer is required to mail at least 10,000 packages a year to GPL destination countries and agree to link its information systems with the information systems of the Postal Service. This linkage is necessary so that the Postal Service can extract certain information about the contents of the customer's packages for customs clearance and other purposes. One level of service will be offered to customers for the PRC. Service will be available only to the cities of Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai. Interim regulations have been developed and are set forth below for comment and suggested revision prior to adoption in final form.

DATES: The interim regulations take effect June 9, 1997. Comments must be received on or before June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the International Business Unit, Global Package Link Service, U. S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Room 370 IBU, Washington, DC 20260-6500. Copies of all written comments will be available for public inspection and photocopying at the above address between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Michelson at the above address,

(202) 268-5731, or Marc B. Solnick at the above address, (202) 268-3916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

In late 1994, with implementation of International Package Consignment Service, later renamed Global Package Link (GPL), to Japan (59 FR 65961 December 22, 1994), the Postal Service announced that, when feasible, it would expand the service to other destination countries based on customer requests. The Postal Service later expanded GPL by adding Canada, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Chile, and Germany as destination countries for qualifying customers. The Postal Service is hereby further expanding GPL by adding the People's Republic of China (the PRC) as a destination country for qualifying customers.

II. GPL to the People's Republic of China**A. Qualifying Criteria**

A customer wishing to use GPL to the PRC will be required to enter into a service agreement with the Postal Service providing for the following. First, the customer must commit to mail at least 10,000 GPL packages a year. (Volumes to all GPL countries are counted toward this minimum.) Second, the customer must designate the Postal Service as its carrier of choice to each country for which it uses GPL service. Third, the customer must agree to link its information systems with the information systems of the Postal Service so that the Postal Service and the customer can exchange data transmissions concerning the customer's packages. The Postal Service must be able to extract, on an as-needed basis, certain information about the packages by scanning the customer-provided barcode on each package.

In general, the information that must be made available to the Postal Service includes: the order number; the package identification number; the buyer's name and address; the recipient's name and address; the total weight of the package; the total value of the package contents; the number of items in the package; and, for each item in the package, its SKU number, its value, and its country of origin. In practice, this requirement means that the customer will have to begin the necessary systems work by the time it begins using GPL and will have to assist the Postal Service in completing and maintaining the information systems linkages. The Postal Service will use the extracted information to prepare the necessary customs forms and package labels and