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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Parts 100 and 108

[Notice 1996-6]

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AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Final Rule; Technical Amendments.

SUMMARY: On February 1, 1996, several technical amendments were published in the *Federal Register* conforming the Commission's regulations to a recent amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("FECA"). The Commission today is publishing technical amendments to conform two additional regulations to the recently amended statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, or Ms. Teresa A. Hennessy, Attorney, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, (202) 219-3690 or (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FECA governs, *inter alia*, the filing of campaign finance reports by candidates, and the authorized committees of candidates, to the House of Representatives ("House"). 2 U.S.C. 432(g). On December 28, 1995, Public Law No. 104-79, 109 Stat. 791 (1995) amended the FECA to require that these reports be filed with the Federal Election Commission rather than the Clerk of the House. See Section 3. As noted above, the Commission has published in the *Federal Register* a technical amendment to 11 CFR 105.1 to conform to the amended statute and conforming amendments to several provisions that refer to the regulation. 61 FR 3549.

The Commission today is publishing additional technical amendments to conform the following regulations to the amended statute: 11 CFR 100.19(a) and

108.8. As noted in the original rulemaking, these technical requirements are exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. See U.S.C. 553 (b)(B). They are also exempt from the legislative review provisions of the FECA. See 2 U.S.C. 438(d). Therefore, these technical amendments are effective on February 16, 1996.

Certification of No Effect Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(B) (Regulatory Flexibility Act)

I hereby certify that the attached technical amendments will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The basis of this certification is that the technical amendments are necessary to conform to the FECA and that these change only the location of filing reports. Therefore, no significant economic impact is caused by the technical amendments.

List of Subjects

11 CFR Part 100

Elections.

11 CFR Part 108

Elections, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, subchapter A, chapter I, title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 100—SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS (2 U.S.C. 431)

1. The authority citation for Part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 2 U.S.C. 431, 438(a)(8)

§ 100.19(a) [Amended]

2. Section 100.19(a) is amended by adding "or" before "the Secretary" and by removing "; or the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, House Records and Registration, 1036 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515".

PART 108—FILING COPIES OF REPORTS AND STATEMENTS WITH STATE OFFICERS (2 U.S.C. 439)

3. The authority citation for Part 108 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 2 U.S.C. 434(a)(2), 438(a)(8), 439, 453.

§ 108.8 [Amended]

4. Section 108.8 is amended by removing "Clerk," and by removing the comma after "Secretary".

Dated: February 13, 1996.

Lee Ann Elliott,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

12 CFR Part 353

RIN 3064-AB63

Suspicious Activity Reports

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is amending its regulation on the reporting of known or suspected criminal and suspicious activities by insured state nonmember banks. This final rule streamlines reporting requirements by providing that a state nonmember bank file a new Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) with the FDIC and the appropriate federal law enforcement agencies by sending a single copy of the SAR to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the Department of the Treasury (FinCEN) to report a known or suspected criminal offense or a transaction that it suspects involves money laundering or violates the Bank Secrecy Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol A. Mesheske, Chief, Special Activities Section, (202) 898-6750, or Gregory Gore, Counsel, (202) 898-7109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FDIC, FRB, OCC, and OTS have issued for public comment substantially similar proposals to revise their regulations on the reporting of known or suspected criminal conduct and suspicious activities. The Department of the Treasury, through FinCEN, has issued for public comment a substantially similar proposal to require the reporting of suspicious transactions relating to money laundering activities.