consideration and the central core of the metropolitan area as identified by the Census Bureau.

C. Federal facilities crossing pay locality boundaries. To be in the pay locality, the portion of a Federal facility which crosses pay locality boundaries and which is not in the pay locality must—
1. contain at least 1,000 GS employees;
2. have the duty stations of the majority of GS employees within 10 miles of the locality; and
3. have a significant number of its employees commuting from the pay locality.

D. Full-State areas of application. In order to be evaluated for area of application status, an entire State may be considered as one county for purposes of applying the county-wide area-of-application criteria if—
1. no part of the State is already in a separate metropolitan pay area;
2. the State is adjacent to the pay area (exclusive of any other areas of application); and
3. the State is smaller than 115 percent of the average county size in square miles in the lower 48 States plus Washington, DC, as determined by OPM using land area data published by the Census Bureau and the number of counties in the United States as determined by the Census Bureau.

After application of the above criteria, the entire State must still pass the county-wide area-of-application criteria before it can become an area of application.

We received more than 800 comments on the proposed regulations. Virtually all of the comments were in support of the proposed changes. A few comments focused on issues outside the scope of the proposed rule, such as when other areas might become separate locality pay areas.

We also received a number of comments about a portion of Bristol County, MA, that lies between the Boston Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) and the State of Rhode Island. There are eight cities/townships in this small strip, which is about 10 miles wide (east to west) at its widest and about 30 miles long (north to south). Although there is a significant amount of commuting to and from both Providence and Boston from this area, all of the cities/townships in this area are part of the Providence MSA because there is a greater level of commuting to and from Providence.

Commenters, including affected employers, Members of Congress, an employing agency, and the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board, concluded that Federal agencies in these areas will not be able to recruit and retain an adequate workforce if employees can drive 10 miles or less in virtually any direction and receive the higher Boston locality pay rate. After reviewing the comments and other pertinent data on this small area, including commuting patterns and population density, we have concluded that all of Bristol County, MA, should be included in the Boston locality pay area. The Pay Agent believes that excluding these eight cities/townships would create an egregious situation, unique under the locality pay program. This small area, which has significant ties to both Providence and Boston, is virtually surrounded by the Boston locality pay area and the new Rhode Island area of application. In addition, the entire area is in easy commuting distance of the rest of the Boston locality pay area. There are no other similarly situated areas.

Therefore, the final regulations include both the State of Rhode Island and all of Bristol County, MA, in the Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT locality pay area. In addition, as originally recommended by the Federal Salary Council and proposed by the Pay Agent, the final regulations include Monterey County, CA, in the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA, locality pay area.

E.O. 12866, Regulatory Review

The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed this rule in accordance with E.O. 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

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

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 531

Government employees, Law enforcement officers, Wages, Office of Personnel Management, Janice R. Lachance, Director.

Accordingly, OPM is amending part 531 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 531—PAY UNDER THE GENERAL SCHEDULE

1. The authority citation for part 531 continues to read as follows:


Subpart B also issued under 5 U.S.C. 5303(g), 5333, 5334(a), and 7701(b)(2);
Subpart D also issued under 5 U.S.C. 5335(g) and 7701(b)(2);
Subpart E also issued under 5 U.S.C. 5336;
Subpart F also issued under 5 U.S.C. 5304, 5305(g)(1), and 5553; and E.O. 12883, 58 FR 63281, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 682;

Subpart F—Locality-Based Comparability Payments

2. In § 531.603, paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(29) are revised to read as follows:

§ 531.603 Locality pay areas.

(b) * * *
(2) Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT RI—consisting of the Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA, plus the State of Rhode Island and all of Bristol County, MA; * * * * *
(29) San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA—consisting of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA, plus Monterey County, CA; * * * * *

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Parts 300 and 303

Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act; Rules and Regulations Under the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC or Commission) amends the Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (Textile Rules) to revise the form for Application for a Registered Identification Number (“RN”) in order to facilitate receiving applications electronically; incorporate by reference the generic fiber names and definitions for manufactured fibers in International Organization for Standardization standard ISO 2076: 1999(E), “Textiles—Man-made fibres—Generic names;” clarify origin labeling
requirements for products made in the U.S. and assembled or finished abroad or products manufactured abroad of U.S. fabric; and correct a typographical error. The Commission amends the Rules and Regulations under the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 (Wool Rules) to clarify that only one RN will be granted to a qualifying firm; and clarify the origin labeling requirements for products made in the U.S. and assembled or finished abroad or products manufactured abroad of U.S. fabric. Because these amendments are technical and non-substantive, the Commission finds that notice and comment are not required. For this reason, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act also do not apply.

DATES: The rules are effective on December 1, 2000. The incorporation by reference of certain publications in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 1, 2000.

ADDRESS: Requests for copies of this document should be sent to the Consumer Response Center, Room 202, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580. The notice announcing the amendments is available on the Internet at the Commission’s website: http://www.ftc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Ecklund, Senior Investigator, (202) 326-2841, secklund@ftc.gov, or Faith Vieno, Paralegal Specialist, (202) 326-2299, f vieno@ftc.gov, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (Textile Act), 15 U.S.C. 70, requires manufacturers and sellers of covered textile products to mark each product with: (1) The generic names and percentages by weight of the constituent fibers present in the product, in the order of predominance by weight; (2) the name under which the manufacturer or other responsible company does business or, in lieu thereof, the RN issued to the company by the Commission; and (3) the name of the country where the product was processed or manufactured. Pursuant to section 7(c) of the Textile Act, 15 U.S.C. 70(e), the Commission has issued implementing regulations, the Textile Rules, 16 CFR Part 303. Similar information is required pursuant to the Wool Products Labeling Act (Wool Act), 15 U.S.C. 68, and the Fur Products Labeling Act (Fur Act), 15 U.S.C. 69. Implementing rules under those statutes are found at 16 CFR Part 300 (Wool Rules) and 16 CFR Part 301 (Rules and Regulations under the Fur Products Labeling Act).

II. Registered Identification Numbers Issued by the Commission

Pursuant to its Rules, the Commission issues RNs to qualified applicants, i.e., those who manufacture or market textile, wool or fur products covered by the labeling requirements and who reside in the U.S.1 In the past, applicants were required to submit RN applications to the Commission by mail or fax on the form that appears at 16 CFR 303.20(d).2 The Commission now has the capability to receive applications and updates to applications online at its website, http://www.ftc.gov. Therefore, it is amending the application form in order to facilitate the online application process. The requirement for a signature, line 8 of the form, is eliminated. The online form will require entry of the name of a responsible official who certifies, in making the application, that the business is eligible for the RN by virtue of residing in the U.S. and manufacturing or marketing a product covered by one of the three labeling statutes. Other minor changes to the application form have been made to facilitate the process. The online application will require the same information as the printed application, although it necessarily will appear in a different format.

An amendment to section 300.4(b) of the Wool Rules clarifies that a qualified applicant will be assigned only one RN, which may be used for the labeling of any products covered by the Textile, Wool, or Fur Acts. In the past, the Commission did, on occasion, assign more than one RN to a particular company; however, it ceased this practice a number of years ago. Therefore, this section is amended, consistent with current RN procedures, by removing a clause that refers to assignment of multiple numbers.

The Commission’s RN database is available on the FTC’s Internet website. Businesses are urged to use this service to check whether the information concerning their RN is current and, if necessary, update the information. Updating an application also can be accomplished online.

III. Recognition of ISO Standard for Generic Fiber Names

In 1998, the Commission amended the Textile Rules to incorporate by reference the generic fiber names and definitions for manufactured fibers in ISO 2076: 1989, “Textiles—Man-made fibres—Generic names.”3 The Commission noted that a revision of ISO 2076 was under consideration at that time and stated that when the revised standard was finalized, it would amend the Textile Rules to reference that revised standard. The revised ISO standard was finalized in 1999; therefore, the Commission amends the Textile Rules to incorporate the new standard.

IV. Clarification of Country of Origin Disclosure Requirements

The Textile and Wool Acts require that covered products be labeled to show the country of origin, whether domestic or foreign.4 The Commission’s Rules implement the statutory requirement, explain how it applies to products made in part in the U.S. and in part in another country, and provide examples of proper labeling.5 Imported products must name the country where they were manufactured or processed. Products made in the U.S. of materials also made in the U.S. should be labeled as “Made in USA,” or words to that effect. Products made in the U.S. of imported materials should disclose both the U.S. manufacturing and the imported component—for example, “Made in USA of imported fabric” or “Knitted in USA of imported yarn.” Similarly, products partially manufactured in a foreign country and partially manufactured of the U.S. should be labeled to show the manufacturing process in both the foreign country and the U.S.—for example, “Imported cloth, finished in USA.” “Sewn in USA of imported components,” or “Made in [foreign country], finished in USA.” The same disclosure principle applies to products manufactured abroad of fabric made in the U.S., or products assembled abroad of components manufactured in the U.S. Therefore, the Commission is revising section 303.33(a)(4)(i) of the Textile Rules and section 300.25(a)(4)(i) of the Wool Rules to add examples covering these latter situations. For example, a product manufactured abroad of U.S. fabric could be labeled “Made in [Foreign Country]/fabric made in USA” or simply “Made in [Foreign Country] of US fabric.” A garment that is assembled or finished abroad of components made

2 The Wool and Fur Labeling Rules cross-reference the form that appears in the Textile Rules. See, 16 CFR 300.4(c) and 16 CFR 301.26(d).
5 16 CFR 303.33; 16 CFR 300.25.
in the USA could be labeled, for example: “Knit in USA, assembled in [Foreign Country],” or words to that effect.\(^6\)

**List of Subjects in 16 CFR Parts 300 and 303**


For the reasons set forth above, the Commission amends 16 CFR Part 300 and 16 CFR Part 303, as follows:

**PART 300—RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE WOOL PRODUCTS LABELING ACT OF 1939**

1. The authority citation for Part 300 continues to read as follows:


2. Section 300.4(b) is revised to read as follows:

   **§ 300.4 Registered identification numbers.**

   *(b)* Any manufacturer of a wool product or person subject to section 3 of the Act with respect to such wool product, residing in the United States, may apply to the Federal Trade Commission for a registered identification number for use by the applicant on the stamp, tag, label, or other mark of identification required under the Act.

3. Section 300.25(a)(4)(i) is revised to read as follows:

   **§ 300.25 Country where wool products are processed or manufactured.**

   *(a)* * * *

   *(4)* * * *

   *(i)* The manufacturing process in the foreign country and in the USA; for example:

   - Imported cloth, finished in USA
   - Sown in USA of imported components
   - Made in [foreign country], finished in USA
   - Scarf made in USA of fabric made in China
   - Comforter Filled, Sewn and Finished in the U.S. With Shell Made in China
   - Made in [foreign country]/fabric made in USA
   - Knit in USA, assembled in [Foreign Country].

**PART 303—RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE TEXTILE FIBER PRODUCTS IDENTIFICATION ACT**

1. The authority citation for Part 303 continues to read as follows:

   **Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 70 et seq.

2. Section 303.5 is revised to read as follows:

   **§ 303.5 Abbreviations, ditto marks, and asterisks prohibited.**

   *(a)* In disclosing required information, words or terms shall not be designated by ditto marks or appear in footnotes referred to by asterisks or other symbols in required information, and shall not be abbreviated except as permitted in § 303.33(e) of this part.

3. The first sentence of section 303.7 is revised to read as follows:

   **§ 303.7 Generic names and definitions for manufactured fibers.**

   Pursuant to the provisions of section 7(c) of the Act, the Commission hereby establishes the generic names for manufactured fibers, together with their respective definitions, set forth in this section, and the generic names for manufactured fibers, together with their respective definitions, set forth in International Organization for Standardization ISO 2076: 1999(E), “Textiles—Man-made fibres—Generic names.” * * * * *

4. Section 303.20 is revised to read as follows:

   **§ 303.20 Registered identified numbers.**

   *(d)* Form to apply for a registered identification number or to update information pertaining to an existing number (the form is available upon request from: Enforcement Division, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, or on the Internet at http://www.ftc.gov; application may also be made directly on the Internet):
<table>
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<th>APPLICATION FOR A REGISTERED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (&quot;RN&quot;)</th>
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<tr>
<td>DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE</td>
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<tr>
<td>DATE ISSUED: ____                                      DATE UPDATED: ____  RN: ____  BY: ____</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1. PURPOSE OF APPLICATION (Both new applicants and update applicants must complete all entries on this form)
   - APPLY FOR A NEW RN
   - UPDATE INFORMATION ON AN EXISTING RN OR WPL NUMBER. ENTER EXISTING RN OR WPL NUMBER

2. LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT FIRM (Note: Proprietorships, please provide full legal name of the person who is the proprietor)

3. NAME UNDER WHICH APPLICANT DOES BUSINESS (Only if different from legal name)

4. TYPE OF COMPANY (if "OTHER" is checked, please state the type of company)
   - PROPRIETORSHIP
   - PARTNERSHIP
   - CORPORATION
   - LLC / LLP
   - OTHER

5. ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS (Include zip code. Address must be actual location where business is conducted in the US. An additional mailing address or PO Box address may also be listed, if desired)
   - STREET ADDRESS (Required)

6. TYPE OF BUSINESS (Mark all that apply)
   - MANUFACTURING
   - IMPORTING
   - WHOLESALING
   - RETAILING
   - MAIL-ORDER
   - INTERNET
   - OTHER

7. LIST PRODUCTS (To qualify for an RN, a company must be engaged in the importation, manufacturing, selling or other marketing of at least one (1) product line subject to the Textile, Wool or Fur Act)

8. CERTIFICATION
   By filing this form with the Federal Trade Commission, the company named above applies for a registered number to use on labels required by one or more of the following acts: the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. §§70-70k), the Wool Products Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. §§68-68a), or the Fur Products Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. §§69-69k). The company official (proprietor, partner, or corporate officer) listed below verifies that the information supplied on this form is true and correct.

9. NAME OF COMPANY OFFICIAL (Type or print legibly)

10. TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL

11. DATE SUBMITTED

INSTRUCTIONS
Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Wool Products Labeling Act, and the Fur Products Labeling Act provide that any USA company that is a manufacturer or marketer of fiber or fur products may, in lieu of the name under which it does business, be identified by its RN on labels required by these statutes.

In completing this form, please observe the following:
(a) All numbered boxes must be filled in except for optional information.
(b) PLEASE, Type or Print legibly.

(c) Submit one (1) completed application:
   - By Mail to: Federal Trade Commission
                 Division of Enforcement
                 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
                 Washington, DC 20580
   - Or By Fax to: (202) 326-3197
   - Or On-Line at: www.ftc.gov

CANCELLATION POLICY
RNs are subject to cancellation if the holder fails to promptly submit an updated FTC Form 31 upon any change(s) in its legal name (Line #2), type of company information (Line #4), or business address (Line #5).

FTC Form 31 (rev. 9/2000)
§ 303.33 Country where textile fiber products are processed or manufactured.

(a) * * *

(4) * * *

(i) The manufacturing process in the foreign country and in the USA; for example:

Imported cloth, finished in USA or
Sewn in USA of imported components or
Made in [foreign country], finished in USA or
Scarf made in USA of fabric made in China or
Comforter Filled, Sewn and Finished in the U.S. With Shell Made in China or
Made in [Foreign Country]/fabric made in USA or

(ii) Knit in USA, assembled in [Foreign Country].

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. 97C–0415]

Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification: Luminescent Zinc Sulfide; Correction

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a final rule that appeared in the Federal Register of August 8, 2000 (65 FR 48377). This document amended the color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of luminescent zinc sulfide as a color additive in certain externally surfaced articles. This document corrected an inadvertent omission of a phrase from the color additive regulations, the document inadvertently omitted a phrase from the fifth line, the phrase "[corrected as of August 8, 2000]"

Corrections:

§ 73.2995 [Corrected]

1. On page 48377, in the second line, the phrase "Luminescent zinc sulfide, in paragraph (c), beginning in the fifth line, the phrase "[corrected as of August 8, 2000]"

2. 28 CFR 16.92 is amended by revising the heading and paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 16.92 Exemption of Environment and Natural Resources Division Systems—Limited Access.

(a) The following system of records is exempted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) from subsections (c)(3) and (4), (d), (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (e)(5), (e)(8), and (g) of the Privacy Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), (k)(1), and (k)(2). This system of records is maintained by the Environmental and Natural Resources Division and is entitled "Environmental and Natural Resources Division Case and Related Files System, JUSTICE/ENRD–003."

The system of records may contain information which relates to official Federal investigations and matters of law and regulatory enforcement. Accordingly, where applicable, the exemptions are necessary to avoid interference with law and regulatory enforcement functions. The exemptions are necessary to protect the confidentiality of civil investigatory and criminal law enforcement materials and of properly classified information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Cahill at 202–307–1823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 23, 2001 (66 FR 40916) a proposed rule was published in the Federal Register with an invitation to comment. No comments were received.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: This Order relates to individuals rather than small business entities. Nevertheless, pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, it is hereby stated that the order will not have "a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities."

Executive Order 12988: The rule complies with the applicable standards provided in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order No. 12988.

Executive Order 12866: The Attorney General has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order No. 12866, and accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

List of Subjects in Part 16


Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Attorney General by 5 U.S.C. 552a and delegated to me by Attorney General Order 793–78, 28 CFR part 16 is amended as follows:

PART 16—AMENDED

1. The authority for Part 16 continues to read as follows:


2. 28 CFR 16.92 is amended by revising the heading and paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 16.92 Exemption of Environment and Natural Resources Division Systems—Limited Access.

(a) The following system of records is exempted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) from subsections (c)(3) and (4), (d), (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (e)(5), (e)(8), and (g) in addition, the following systems of records are exempted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1) and (k)(2) from subsections (c)(3), (d), and (e)(1):

(i) Environment and Natural Resources Division Case and Related Files System, JUSTICE/ENRD–003.

(ii) [Reserved]

(2) These exemptions apply only to the extent that information in this system relates to the investigation, prosecution or defense of actual or potential criminal or civil litigation, or...