

each inclusive tour charter, just as in Part 373 we are requiring such reports relative to each study group charter, rather than each study group.

Finally, we have included an editorial amendment to paragraph (a) of § 373.15 (and to the parallel paragraph (a) of § 378.16). This amendment will simply make it clear that where the study group charterer (or inclusive tour) operator elects to file as security a surety bond only, the filed bond may cover the charter price for the air transportation furnished in connection with a series of study groups (or inclusive tours) as well as a single study group (or inclusive tour).

In consideration of the foregoing, the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 373 of the Special Regulations (14 CFR Part 373) effective September 11, 1972, as follows:

1. Amend paragraph (a) of § 373.15, the paragraph as amended to read as follows:

§ 373.15 Surety bond.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the study group charterer shall furnish a surety bond in an amount of not less than three times the charter price for the air transportation to be furnished in connection with the study group charter or series of study group charters: *Provided, however,* That the liability of the surety to any student participant shall not exceed the study group charter price.

2. Amend § 373.17, the section as amended to read as follows:

§ 373.17 Reporting requirements.

If a study group charterer relies upon the bond-depository option of § 373.15(b) for compliance with the requirements of that section, the following monthly reports shall be filed with the Board's Bureau of Operating Rights not later than the 10th day of the month succeeding the reporting period: (1) by the depository bank, showing separately for each study group charter, identified by departure date, the total amount of deposits received and disbursed during the reporting period, and the balance in the depository account at the end of the reporting period; and (2) by the study group charterer, showing separately for each study group charter, identified by departure date, the total amount of customer deposits received by him or his agents and the amount of refunds made by the study group charterer or the bank to student participants: *Provided,* That the depository bank may, in lieu of (1) above, elect to file a duplicate monthly statement of the same type it provides to depositors showing the information as specified in (1) above. When so elected, the reporting period for the study group charterer in (2) above shall correspond to the reporting period of the bank. The term "bank" shall have the meaning set forth in § 373.15. The reports shall be certified by the officer in charge of the bank's or the study group charterer's accounts, as the case may be, and the

certification shall be in the following form:

CERTIFICATION¹

I, the undersigned _____
(Title of officer in charge of accounts)
of the _____
(Full name of reporting company)
do certify that this report and all supporting documents which are submitted herewith, filed for the above indicated period, have been prepared by me or under my direction; that I have carefully examined them and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained therein is complete and accurate.

(Signature)

(Bank or study group charterer's post office address)

Date _____, 19__

¹Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, makes it a criminal offense, subject to a maximum fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both, to knowingly and willfully make or cause to be made any false or fraudulent statements or representations in any matter within the jurisdiction of any agency of the United States.

(Secs. 204(a), 407, 416(a), Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, 72 Stat. 743, 766, and 771; 49 U.S.C. 1324, 1377, 1386)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board.

[SEAL] HARRY J. ZINK,
Secretary.

NOTE: The reporting requirements herein have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Federal Reports Act of 1942.

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PART 378—INCLUSIVE TOURS BY SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CARRIERS, CERTAIN FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS, AND TOUR OPERATORS

Modification of Reporting Requirements and Editorial Amendment

Adopted by the Civil Aeronautics Board at its office in Washington, D.C. on the 16th day of June 1972.

In notice of proposed rule making SPDR-27,¹ the Board proposed to amend the "reporting requirements" for depository banks, study group charterers and tour operators in Parts 373 and 378 of the special regulations² so as to require (1) that all monthly reports filed under said parts include a breakdown of reported financial data, with respect to each individual study group and inclusive tour, and (2) that the depository bank's monthly report specifically disclose the balance remaining in each tour operator's and study group charterer's depository account. For the reasons set forth in SPR-57, issued contemporaneously herewith, the Board has determined to adopt the proposed amend-

¹Dec. 8, 1971, Docket 24047, 36 F.R. 23634.

²14 CFR 373.17, 378.16a.

ments to Parts 373 and 378 with one modification: the monthly report filed by the depository bank and the tour operator shall include a breakdown of financial statistics with respect only to each exclusive tour charter, instead of each inclusive tour. Also for the reasons set forth in SPR-57, we are making an editorial amendment to paragraph (a) of § 378.16 (which is paralleled to paragraph (a) of § 373.15), so as to make it clear that where the tour operator elects to file as security a surety bond only, the filed bond may cover the charter price for the air transportation furnished in connection with a series of tours, as well as a single tour.

Accordingly, the Civil Aeronautics Board hereby amends Part 378 of the special regulations (14 CFR Part 378) effective September 11, 1972, as follows:

§ 378.16 Surety bond.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the tour operator or foreign tour operator shall furnish a surety bond in one of the following amounts dependent upon the length of the tour or series of tours: (1) For a tour or series of tours of 2 weeks or less, a bond in an amount of not less than the charter price for the air transportation to be furnished in connection with such tour or series of tours; (2) for a tour or series of tours of more than 2 weeks but less than 4 weeks, a bond in an amount of not less than twice the charter price; and (3) for a tour or series of tours of 4 weeks or more, and a bond in an amount of not less than three times the charter price: *Provided, however,* That the liability of the surety to any tour participant shall not exceed the tour price.

2. Amend § 378.16a, the section as amended to read as follows:

§ 378.16a Reporting requirements.

If a tour operator or foreign tour operator relies upon the bond-depository option of § 378.16(b) for compliance with the requirements of that section, the following monthly reports shall be filed with the Board's Bureau of Operating Rights not later than the 10th day of the month succeeding the reporting period: (1) by the depository bank, showing separately for each inclusive tour charter, identified by departure date, the total amount of deposits received and disbursed during the reporting period and the balance in the depository account at the end of the reporting period; and (2) by the tour operator or foreign tour operator, showing separately for each inclusive tour charter, identified by departure date, the total amount of customer deposits received by him or his agents, the amount of commissions deducted therefrom by said agents, the amount of commissions repaid by said agents to the depository account, and the amount of refunds made by the tour operator or foreign tour operator or the bank to tour participants: *Provided,* That the depository bank may,

in lieu of (1) above, elect to file a duplicate monthly statement of the same type it provides to depositors showing the information as specified in (1) above. When so elected, the reporting period for the tour operator or foreign tour operator in (2) above shall correspond to the reporting period of the bank. The term "bank" shall have the meaning set forth in § 378.16. The reports shall be certified by the officer in charge of the bank's or the tour operator's or foreign tour operator's accounts, as the case may be, and the certification shall be in the following form:

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned _____
(Title of officer in charge of accounts)
of the _____

(Full name of reporting company)
do certify that this report and all supporting documents which are submitted herewith, filed for the above indicated period, have been prepared by me or under my direction; that I have carefully examined them and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained therein is complete and accurate.

(Signature)

(Bank or tour operator's or foreign tour operator's post office address)

Date _____, 19____

¹ Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, makes it a criminal offense, subject to a maximum fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both, to knowingly and willfully make or cause to be made any false or fraudulent statements or representations in any matter within the jurisdiction of any agency of the United States.

(Secs. 204(a), 407, 416(a), Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, 72 Stat. 743, 766, and 771; 49 U.S.C. 1324, 1377, 1386)

By the Civil Aeronautics Board.

[SEAL] HARRY J. ZINK,
Secretary.

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Title 20—EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS

Chapter V—Manpower Administration, Department of Labor

PART 650—STANDARD FOR APPEALS PROMPTNESS — UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The Secretary's standard for appeals promptness sets forth his construction of sections 303(a) (1) and 303(a) (3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(a) (1) and 503(a) (3)) requiring, as a condition for receipt of granted funds, that State laws include provision for hearing and deciding appeals of all unemployment

compensation claimants who are parties to an administrative benefit appeal with the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible. The standard sets forth also the Secretary's construction of section 303(b) (2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(b) (2)), requiring States to comply substantially with the required provision of State law and the criteria he will apply in determining such substantial compliance with respect to first level benefit appeal decisions.

The standard, which will appear in the Employment Security Manual, Part V, sections 8800-8820, is also incorporated in a new Part 650 of Title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, reading as set forth below.

The standard shall be effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (8-11-72).

The new Part 650 reads as follows:

Sec.

- 650.1 Nature and purpose of the standard.
- 650.2 Federal law requirements.
- 650.3 Secretary's interpretation of Federal law requirements.
- 650.4 Review of State law and criteria for review of State compliance.
- 650.5 Immediate plan of action and annual appeals performance plan.

AUTHORITY: The provisions of this Part 650 issued as constructions of sections 303(a) (1), 303(a) (3), and 303(b) (2) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 503(a) (1), 503(a) (3), and 503(b) (2); Secretary's Order No. 20-71 dated August 13, 1971.

§ 650.1 Nature and purpose of the standard.

(a) This standard is responsive to the overriding concern of the U.S. Supreme Court in *California Department of Human Resources v. Java*, 402 U.S. 121 (1971), and that of other courts with delay in payment of unemployment compensation to eligible individuals, including delays caused specifically by the adjudication process. The standard seeks to assure that all administrative appeals affecting benefit rights are heard and decided with the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible.

(b) Sections 303(a) (1) and (3) of the Social Security Act require, as a condition for the receipt of granted funds, that State laws include provisions for methods of administration reasonably calculated to insure full payment of unemployment compensation when due, and opportunity for a fair hearing for all individuals whose claims for unemployment compensation are denied. The Secretary has construed these provisions to require, as a condition for receipt of granted funds, that State laws include provisions for hearing and deciding appeals for all unemployment insurance claimants who are parties to an administrative benefit appeal with the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible. What is the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible in an individual case depends on the facts and circumstances of that case. For example, the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible will be longer in cases that involve interstate appeals, complex

issues of fact or law, reasonable requests by parties for continuances or rescheduling of hearings or other unforeseen and uncontrollable factors than it will be for other cases.

(c) In addition, the Secretary has construed section 303(b) (2) of the Social Security Act as requiring States to comply substantially with the required provisions of State law. The Secretary considers as substantial compliance the issuance of minimum percentages of first level benefit appeal decisions within the periods of time specified in § 650.4.

(d) Although the interpretation of Federal law requirements in § 650.3 below applies to both first and second level administrative benefit appeals, the criteria for review of State compliance in § 650.3(b) apply only to first level benefit appeals.

§ 650.2 Federal law requirements.

(a) Section 303(a) (1) of the Social Security Act requires that a State law include provision for:

Such methods of administration * * * as are found by the Secretary of Labor to be reasonably calculated to insure full payment of unemployment compensation when due.

(b) Section 303(a) (3) of the Social Security Act requires that a State law include provision for:

Opportunity for a fair hearing, before an impartial tribunal, for all individuals whose claims for unemployment compensation are denied.

(c) Section 303(b) (2) of the Social Security Act provides that:

Whenever the Secretary of Labor, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the State agency charged with the administration of the State law, finds that in the administration of the law there is—

- (1) * * *
- (2) A failure to comply substantially with any provision specified in subsection (a) [303(a) (1)]; the Secretary of Labor shall notify such State agency that further payments will not be made to the State until he is satisfied that there is no longer any such denial or failure to comply. Until the Secretary of Labor is so satisfied, he shall make no further certification to the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to such State * * *

§ 650.3 Secretary's interpretation of Federal law requirements.

(a) The Secretary interprets sections 303(a) (1) and 303(a) (3) above to require that a State law include provision for—

(1) Hearing and decision for claimants who are parties to an appeal from a benefit determination to an administrative tribunal with the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible, and

(2) Such methods of administration of the appeals process as will reasonably assure hearing and decision with the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible.

(b) The Secretary interprets section 303(b) (2) above to require a State to comply substantially with provisions specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 650.4 Review of State law and criteria for review of State compliance.

(a) A State law will satisfy the requirements of § 650.3(a) if after calendar year 1973 it contains a provision requiring, or is construed to require, hearing and decision for claimants who are parties to an administrative appeal affecting benefit rights with the greatest promptness that is administratively feasible.

(b) A State will be deemed to comply substantially with the State law requirements set forth in § 650.3(a) with respect to first level appeals, if for the calendar year 1975 and ensuing years, the State has issued at least 75 percent of all first level benefit appeal decisions within 30 days of the date of appeal, and at least 85 percent of all first level benefit appeal decisions within 45 days. These computations will be derived from the State's regular reports required pursuant to the Employment Security Manual, Part III, Sections 4400-4450.¹

(c) To afford the States a reasonable opportunity to make the changes necessary to meet these criteria, the Secretary will not evaluate substantial compliance until calendar year 1974 and for that year he will apply less stringent criteria than for future years. A State law will be deemed to comply substantially with the State law promptness requirement for calendar year 1974 if the State has issued at least 50 percent of all first level benefit appeal decisions within 30 days of the date of appeal; at least 75 percent of its first level benefit appeal decisions within 45 days; and at least 90 percent of its first level benefit appeal decisions within 75 days. These computations also will be derived from the aforementioned reports required pursuant to the Employment Security Manual.

§ 650.5 Immediate plan of action and annual appeals performance plan.

(a) Every State that has not for fiscal year 1972 issued at least 50 percent of its first level benefit appeal decisions within 30 days of the date of appeal, 75 percent within 45 days, and 90 percent within 75 days, shall submit, no later than December 31, 1972, a plan of action showing how it will operate so as to meet these criteria beginning with the last quarter of calendar year 1973.

(b) No later than December 15, 1974, and the 15th of December of each ensuing year, each State shall submit an appeals performance plan showing how it will operate during the following calendar year so as to achieve or maintain the issuance of at least 75 percent of all first level benefit appeal decisions within 30 days of the date of appeal, and 85 percent within 45 days.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 7th day of August 1972.

MALCOLM R. LOVELL, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary for Manpower.

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¹ The Employment Security Manual is available at each regional office of the Department of Labor and at the headquarters office of each State employment security agency.

Title 21—FOOD AND DRUGS

Chapter I—Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

PART 3—STATEMENTS OF GENERAL POLICY OR INTERPRETATION

Chemical, Physical, and Biological Methods of Analysis

In the enforcement of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and other statutes, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs often must rely upon the results obtained by chemical, physical, and biological methods of analysis to demonstrate compliance or noncompliance with the statute and regulations. The methods of analysis used for this purpose may be implicit in the statute as in the case of the United States Pharmacopeia, National Formulary, and the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia, or specified in an approved new-drug application or supplied in a food or color additive petition. They may be promulgated in detail as in the case of the antibiotic regulations. In other cases they may be incorporated by reference as with pesticide residue methods and many food standards.

Where methods are not specified, as in the case of the general adulteration and misbranding sections of the act, for example, it is essential that regulatory agencies use standardized, reliable methods of analysis with demonstrated accuracy and reproducibility. Since even before the passage of the original Food and Drug Act of 1906, regulatory agencies developed a mechanism of choosing, validating, and publishing approved and standardized methods of analysis through the Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC). The mechanism, designated as a collaborative study, requires the demonstration of reliability of a method by a number of different laboratories analyzing a number of unknown (to the laboratory) samples. Although the final decision on approval of methods by the AOAC is restricted to government scientists, Federal and State, all scientists may participate in the collaborative studies and supply comments and discussion on the performance of the methods.

The Freedom of Information Act requires the Government to provide as much information as possible regarding its activities. The Commissioner, therefore, wishes to indicate formally by a statement of policy and interpretation what has been the informal practice in the past—that unless otherwise indicated by the statute or regulation, the Food and Drug Administration will utilize the methods of analysis of the AOAC in its enforcement programs. Where such methods do not exist, or if there is a question regarding applicability, the Commissioner, on request, will indicate the methods that will be employed for enforcement purposes. It is important to recognize that use of an AOAC method does not relieve the practitioner of responsibility to demonstrate that he can perform the method properly

through use of positive and negative controls and recovery and reproducibility studies.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (secs. 701(a) and 707, 52 Stat. 1055 and 57 Stat. 500; 21 U.S.C. 371(a), 377) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner (21 CFR 2.120), Part 3 is amended by adding a new section to Subpart A, as follows:

§ 3.39 Methods of analysis.

Where the method of analysis is not prescribed in a regulation, it is the policy of the Food and Drug Administration in its enforcement programs to utilize the methods of analysis of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) as published in the latest edition of their publication, "Official Methods of Analysis of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists," and the supplements thereto ("Changes in Methods" as published in the March issues of the "Journal of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists"), when available and applicable. Upon request, the Commissioner will furnish advice as to the availability and applicability of an AOAC method with respect to the enforcement of any specific regulation or statutory requirement. In the absence of an AOAC method, the Commissioner will furnish a copy of the particular method, or a reference to the published method, that the Food and Drug Administration will use in its enforcement program. Other methods may be used for quality control, specifications, contracts, surveys, and similar nonregulatory functions, but it is expected that they will be calibrated in terms of the method which the Food and Drug Administration uses in its enforcement program. Use of an AOAC method does not relieve the practitioner of the responsibility to demonstrate that he can perform the method properly through the use of positive and negative controls and recovery and reproducibility studies.

Since this order merely formalizes and codifies a practice already in effect and is in the public interest, notice and public procedure and delayed effective date are not prerequisites to this promulgation.

Effective date. This order shall be effective upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER (8-11-72).

Dated: August 4, 1972.

SAM D. FINE,
Associate Commissioner
for Compliance.

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SUBCHAPTER B—FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS PART 31—NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Soda Water; Order Amending Standard of Identity

In the matter of amending the standard of identity for soda water (21 CFR 31.1) to provide for the use of edible vegetable oils as optional ingredients in clouding agents and as carriers for flavoring ingredients used in soda water.