standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 5100.1 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded under the Instruction that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, this rule is categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(g), of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation.

A final environmental analysis checklist and a final categorical exclusion determination are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, and Waterways.

§ 165.11–033 Safety zone; BWRC ‘300’ Enduro; Lake Moolvalya, Parker, AZ.

(a) Location. The limits of the safety zone are as follows: The Headgate Dam at 34°11.20 N, 114°13.74 W following the river northeast to 34°10.10 N, 114°16.61 W.

(b) Enforcement Period. This section will be enforced each day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on October 24, 2008 through October 26, 2008. If the event concludes prior to the scheduled termination time, the Captain of the Port will cease enforcement of this safety zone and will announce that fact via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(c) Definitions. The following definition applies to this section: Designated representative, means any commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels who have been authorized to act on the behalf of the Captain of the Port.

(d) Regulations. (1) Entry into, transit through or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port of San Diego or his designated representative.

(2) Mariners requesting permission to transit through the safety zone may request authorization to do so from the Patrol Commander (PATCOM). The PATCOM may be contacted on VHF–FM Channel 16.

(3) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who have been authorized to act on the behalf of the Captain of the Port.

(4) Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

(5) The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, State, or local agencies.


T.H. Farris,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector San Diego.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 10

[RIN 0651–AB55

Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office


ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) published a final rule in the Federal Register on August 14, 2008, adopting new rules governing the conduct of disciplinary investigations, issuing warnings when closing such investigations, disciplinary proceedings, non-disciplinary transfer to disability inactive status and reinstatement to practice before the Office. This document corrects omissions in that final rule and amends the Rules of Practice for consistency with the final rule.

DATES: Effective Date: October 9, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry I. Moatz, Director of Enrollment and Discipline (OED Director), directly by telephone (571) 272–6069, by facsimile to (571) 272–3838, or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop OED—Ethics Rules, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office published a final rule in the Federal Register of August 14, 2008 (73 FR 47650), entitled “Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.” In that final rule, 37 CFR 10.4 is replaced and supplemented by § 11.23. Also in that final rule, there are several references to “violation of any of the Mandatory Disciplinary Rules identified in § 10.20(b) of this subchapter.” This document corrects erroneous omissions from that final rule as discussed below.

Section 10.4 inadvertently continued to remain in Part 10 although it should have been removed and reserved. Seven of the examples of conduct that constitute a violation of Mandatory Disciplinary Rule § 10.23—i.e., §§ 10.23(c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(13), (c)(14), (c)(15), (c)(16) and (c)(19)—and Mandatory Disciplinary Rule § 10.31(c) inadvertently continue to refer to rules in Part 10 although the referenced rules have been removed. They should refer to existing rules. This document corrects the text in the provisions of §§ 10.23 and 10.31 to reference the appropriate existing rules.

The final rule is corrected as follows. Section 10.4 is removed and reserved (the substance of § 10.4 has been transferred and supplanted by § 11.23). Section 10.23(c)(5) changes its reference from “§ 10.6(c)” to “§ 11.6(c)” (the substance of the former § 10.6(c) was transferred to § 11.6(c)). Section 10.23(c)(6) changes its reference from “§ 10.158” to “§ 11.58” (the substance of the former § 10.158 was transferred to § 11.58). Section 10.23(c)(13) changes its
reference from “§ 10.10(b)” to “§ 11.10(b)” (the substance of the former § 10.10(b) was transferred to § 11.10(b)). Section 10.23(c)(14) changes its reference from “§ 10.6” to “§ 11.6” (the substance of the former § 10.6 was transferred to § 11.6). Section 10.23(c)(15) changes its reference from “§ 10.131” to “§ 11.22(b)” (the substance of the former § 10.131(b) was included in § 11.22(b)). Section 10.23(c)(19) changes its reference from “§ 10.10(c)” to “§ 11.10(d)” (the substance of the former § 10.10(c) was transferred to § 11.10(d)). Section 30.3(c) changes its reference from “§ 10.14(b)” to “§ 11.14(b)” (the substance of the former § 10.14(b) was transferred to § 11.14(b)).

Section 553(d) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(d)) ordinarily requires a 30-day delay in the effective date of final rules after the date of their publication in the Federal Register. This 30-day delay in effective date can be waived, however, if an agency finds for good cause that the delay is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. The change to 37 CFR 10.4 corrects a technical error inasmuch as the substance of § 10.4 was transferred to and supplemented by § 11.23. The changes in 37 CFR 10.23(c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(13), (c)(14), (c)(15), (c)(16) and (c)(19) and 30.3(c) correct a technical error in referencing sections. The changes in 37 CFR 10.23(c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(13), (c)(14), (c)(15), (c)(16) and (c)(19) and 30.3(c) do not change the conduct expected of practitioners from the final rule published on August 14, 2008, but merely correct the language consistent with the existing and intended text. The Office finds it impracticable to have a 30-day delayed effective date for these technical corrections as practitioners should not be misled or confused by rules referring to removed provisions of Part 10, and practitioners should not be expected to abide by rules that have been removed from Part 10. Furthermore, the Office finds that it is in the public’s interest to correct the changes in text to avoid misleading constructions of the rules. Therefore, the Office is waiving the 30-day delay in effective date for the technical corrections in this notice.

Accordingly, the Patent and Trademark Office makes the following correcting amendments to 37 CFR part 10:

PART 10—REPRESENTATION OF OTHERS BEFORE THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

§ 10.4 [Removed and reserved]

1. The authority citation for 37 CFR part 10 continues to read as follows:


§ 10.4 [Removed and reserved]

2. Section 10.4 is removed and reserved.

3. Section 10.23 is amended by revising paragraphs (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(13), (c)(14), (c)(15), (c)(16) and (c)(19) to read as follows:

§ 10.23 Misconduct.

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(c) Suspension or disbarment from practice as an attorney or agent on ethical grounds by any duly constituted authority of a State or the United States or, in the case of a practitioner who resides in a foreign country or is registered under § 11.6(c), by any duly constituted authority of:

(i) A State.

(ii) The United States, or

(iii) The country in which the practitioner resides.

(6) Knowingly aiding or abetting a practitioner suspended or excluded from practice before the Office in engaging in unauthorized practice before the Office under § 11.58.

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(13) Knowingly preparing or prosecuting or providing assistance in the preparation or prosecution of a patent application in violation of an undertaking signed under § 11.10(b).

(14) Knowingly failing to advise the Director in writing of any change which would preclude continued registration under § 11.6.

(15) Signing a paper filed in the Office in violation of the provisions of § 11.18 or making a scandalous or indecent statement in a paper filed in the Office.

(16) Willfully refusing to reveal or report knowledge or evidence to the Director contrary to § 10.24 or § 11.22(b).

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(19) Action by an employee of the Office contrary to the provisions set forth in § 11.10(d).

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4. Section 10.31 is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 10.31 Communications concerning a practitioner’s services.

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(c) Unless authorized under § 11.14(b), a non-lawyer practitioner shall not hold himself or herself out as authorized to practice before the Office in trademark cases.

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Dated: October 1, 2008.

Jon W. Dudas,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3020


Administrative Practice and Procedure, Postal Service

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is adding a new product identified as Global Plus 2 Negotiated Service Agreements to the Mail Classification Schedule Competitive Product List. This action is consistent with changes in a recent law governing postal operations. Re-publication of the lists of market dominant and competitive products is also consistent with new requirements in the law.

DATES: Effective October 9, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulatory History, 73 FR 49723 (August 22, 2008).

The Postal Service seeks to add a new product identified as Global Plus 2 Negotiated Service Agreements to the Competitive Product List. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission approves the Request.

I. Background

On August 8, 2008, the Postal Service filed a Request with the Commission for the addition of a new product, which it identifies as Global Plus 2 Negotiated Service Agreements, to the Mail Classification Schedule Competitive Product List for prices not of general applicability. A concurrent Notice announces issuance of a Governors’ Decision authorizing the new product and the Postal Service’s execution, under this authority, of two contracts it considers functionally equivalent.