

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics

5 CFR Part 2636

**Regulation Requiring Confidential Reporting
of Payments to Charitable Organizations in Lieu
of Honoraria; Further Deferral of Effective Date**

56 FR 51319 (Rule)

Friday, October 11, 1991

ACTION: Further deferral of effective date of interim rule provision.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is further deferring the effective date of its interim rule for the executive branch on confidential reporting of payments to charities in lieu of honoraria (see 56 FR 1727-1728, January 17, 1991 and 56 FR 21589, May 10, 1991). The regulation, 5 CFR 2636.205, will now become effective on February 18, 1992.

DATES: The effective date of 5 CFR 2636.205 is further deferred until February 18, 1992.

ADDRESSES: Any comments or questions should be sent to William E. Gressman, Office of Government Ethics, suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics published 5 CFR 2636.205, the confidential reporting provision for payments to charitable organizations in lieu of honoraria, as an interim rule in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 1991 and provided for an effective date of May 15, 1991 (see 56 FR 1721-1730). The remainder of that interim regulation, 5 CFR part 2636, entitled "Limitations on Outside Employment and Prohibition of Honoraria; Confidential Reporting of Payments to Charities in Lieu of Honoraria," was effective January 1, 1991 and continues in effect. On May 10, 1991, OGE deferred the effective date of section 2636.205 until October 15, 1991 in order to allow more time to adopt a new reporting form; as noted below, OGE now needs additional time to complete that process.

OGE continues to work on a draft confidential standard reporting form to collect the information specified in 5 CFR 2636.205 and the underlying section of the Ethics in Government Act as amended, 5 U.S.C. appendix 102(a)(1)(A). Because the new form will collect information from some members of the public (terminees who file after leaving the Government) as well as current Federal employees, it must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35 (the section 2636.205 regulation itself was approved thereunder by OMB on April 10, 1991). In addition, since the form will be a standard form, OGE will also submit it to the General Services Administration (GSA) for its review and approval in accordance with standard form clearance procedures. In order to allow an adequate amount of time for OGE to finish preparing the new reporting form, submit it to OMB and GSA for approval, and provide for a public comment period before final issuance of the form, the Office of Government Ethics has determined to further defer the effective date of the 5 CFR 2636.205 reporting regulation until February 18, 1992.

Approved: October 7, 1991.

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