

the Treasury (31 CFR Chapter IX, parts 900–904, 65 FR 70390 (11/22/2000)). The regulations in this part are also issued in conformity with the regulations of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) on offsets against Federal employee salaries (5 CFR part 550, subpart K), and the Treasury regulations on Administrative Wage Garnishment (31 CFR 285.11).

The Corporation has determined that these regulations pertain to agency practice and procedure and are interpretative in nature. The procedures contained in these regulations for salary, tax refund, and administrative offsets and for administrative wage garnishment are mandated by law and by regulations promulgated by OPM, the Treasury Financial Management Service, and jointly by the DOJ and the Treasury. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)–(d), these regulations are not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and the requirements of the APA for a notice and comment period and a delayed effective date.

Comments on proposed rule. On January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4315), the Corporation published interim claims collection regulations that conformed to the DCIA and to the FCCS. The comment period expired on March 29, 1999. No comments were received on the interim regulations. These regulations are somewhat expanded to be more clear; and they incorporate by reference the procedures for administrative wage garnishment in Treasury regulations. There are no other substantive changes.

This rule is a significant regulatory action for the purpose of Executive Order 12866 and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule has no federalism implications. This rule is not a major rule.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 2506

Administrative practice and procedures; Claims; Debts; Government employees; Garnishment of Wages; Salaries; Wages.

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Corporation revises part 2506 of 45 CFR Chapter XXV to read as follows:

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Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5514; 31 U.S.C. 3701–3720A, 3720D; 44 U.S.C. 2104(a).

Subpart A—Introduction

§ 2506.1 Why is the Corporation issuing these regulations?

(a) The Corporation is issuing these regulations to inform the public of procedures that may be used by the Corporation for the collection of debt.

(b) These regulations provide that the Corporation will attempt to collect debts owed to it or other Government agencies either directly, or by other means including salary offsets, administrative offsets, tax refund offsets, or administrative wage garnishment.

(c) These regulations also provide that the Corporation has entered into a cross-servicing agreement with the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) under which the Treasury will take authorized action to collect amounts owed to the Corporation.

§ 2506.2 Under what authority does the Corporation issue these regulations?

(a) The Corporation is issuing the regulations in this part under the authority of 31 U.S.C. chapter 37, 3701–3720A and 3720D. These sections implement the requirements of the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, as amended by the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.