

COMMUTED TRAVELTIME ALLOWANCES—Continued  
[In hours]

Location covered			Served from			Metropolitan area	
						Within	Outside
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Paulsboro .....			Mullica Hill .....				1½
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pennsylvania:							
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown .....			Gap .....				4
Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown .....			Sweet Valley .....				4
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Texas:							
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Brownsville .....			Pharr .....				3
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Falcon Heights .....			Roma .....				1½
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pharr (Includes Hidalgo and McAllen International Airport. ....						1½	
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Roma (Includes Rio Grande City) .....						1	
*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Roma .....			Pharr .....				3
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Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of April 1998.

**Terry L. Medley,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 97

[Docket No. 98-022-1]

#### Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are amending the regulations concerning overtime services provided by employees of Veterinary Services by adding commuted traveltime allowances for travel between various locations in Mexico and Texas. Commuted traveltime allowances are the periods of

time required for Veterinary Services employees to travel from their dispatch points and return there from the places where they perform Sunday, holiday, or other overtime duty. The Government charges a fee for certain overtime services provided by Veterinary Services employees and, under certain circumstances, the fee may include the cost of commuted traveltime. This action is necessary to inform the public of commuted traveltime for these locations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Louise Rakestraw Lothery, Director, Resource Management Support, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 44, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-7517.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The regulations in 9 CFR, chapter I, subchapter D, and 7 CFR, chapter III, require inspection, laboratory testing, certification, or quarantine of certain animals, animal products, plants, plant products, or other commodities intended for importation into, or exportation from, the United States. When these services must be provided by an employee of Veterinary Services

(VS) on a Sunday or holiday, or at any other time outside the VS employee's regular duty hours, the Government charges a fee for the services in accordance with 9 CFR part 97. Under circumstances described in § 97.1(a), this fee may include the cost of commuted traveltime. Section 97.2 contains administrative instructions prescribing commuted traveltime allowances, which reflect, as nearly as practicable, the periods of time required for VS employees to travel from their dispatch points and return there from the places where they perform Sunday, holiday, or other overtime duty.

We are amending § 97.2 of the regulations by adding commuted traveltime allowances for travel between various locations in Mexico and Texas. The amendments are set forth in the rule portion of this document. This action is necessary to inform the public of the commuted traveltime between the dispatch and service locations.

##### Effective Date

The commuted traveltime allowances appropriate for employees performing services at ports of entry, and the features of the reimbursement plan for recovering the cost of furnishing port of

entry services, depend upon facts within the knowledge of the Department of Agriculture. It does not appear that public participation in this rulemaking proceeding would make additional relevant information available to the Department.

Accordingly, pursuant to the administrative procedure provisions in 5 U.S.C. 553, we find upon good cause that prior notice and other public procedure with respect to this rule are impracticable and unnecessary; we also find good cause for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

#### **Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act**

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

The number of requests for overtime services of a VS employee at the locations affected by our rule represents an insignificant portion of the total number of requests for these services in the United States.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

#### **Executive Order 12372**

This program/activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.025 and is subject to Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V.)

#### **Executive Order 12988**

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule is intended to have preemptive effect with respect to any State or local laws, regulations, or policies that conflict with its provisions or that would otherwise impede its full implementation. This rule is not intended to have retroactive effect. There are no administrative procedures that must be exhausted prior to any judicial challenge to the provisions of this rule or the application of its provisions.

#### **COMMUTED TRAVELTIME ALLOWANCES**

[In hours]

Location covered	Served from	Metropolitan Area	
		Within	Outside
*	*	*	*
[Add]			
*	*	*	*
Mexico:			
Ciudad Acuna .....	Del Rio, TX .....		1½
Juarez .....	El Paso, TX .....		1
Nuevo Laredo .....	Laredo, TX .....		1½
Ojinaga .....	Presidio, TX .....		1
Piedras Negras .....	Eagle Pass, TX .....		1
Reynosa (Pharr International Bridge) .....	Hidalgo, TX .....		1
San Jeronimo .....	El Paso, TX .....		2
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**Terry L. Medley,**

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#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

##### **13 CFR Part 121**

#### **Small Business Size Standards; Engineering Services, Architectural Services, and Surveying and Mapping Services**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On February 3, 1998 (63 FR 5480), the Small Business

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

This rule contains no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

#### **List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 97**

Exports, Government employees, Imports, Livestock, Poultry and poultry products, Travel and transportation expenses.

Accordingly, 9 CFR part 97 is amended as follows:

#### **PART 97—OVERTIME SERVICES RELATING TO IMPORTS AND EXPORTS**

1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2260; 49 U.S.C. 1741; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

2. Section 97.2 is amended by adding in the table, in alphabetical order, the following entries to read as follows:

#### **§ 97.2 Administrative instructions prescribing commuted traveltime.**

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Administration (SBA) proposed a size standard of \$7.5 million in average annual receipts for general Engineering Services (part of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code 8711), \$5.0 million for Architectural Services (SIC code 8712) and \$3.5 million for Surveying and Mapping Services (SIC code 8713 and part of SIC code 7389). The proposed rule specified that comments to the proposed rule must be submitted to the SBA by April 6, 1998. This notice extends the comment period for an additional 30 days.