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apply to interpretative rules, general statements of policy, rules of organization procedure or practice or in any situation in which the Secretary for good cause finds (and incorporates the findings and brief statement of the reasons therefor in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest.

§ 1720.5 Initiation of rulemaking.

(a) The issuance, amendment or repeal of any rule or regulation may be proposed upon the initiative of the Secretary or upon the petition of any interested person showing reasonable grounds therefor.

(b) Petitions for rulemaking by interested persons filed under this section:

(1) Shall be identified as a petition for rulemaking under this subpart;

(2) Shall explain the interest of the petitioner in the action requested;

(3) Shall set forth the text or substance of the rule or amendment proposed or specify the rule that the petitioner seeks to have repealed, as the case may be;

(4) Shall contain any information and arguments available to the petitioner to support the action sought; and

(5) Shall be filed with the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 5218, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410.

(c) The Secretary shall respond to a petition submitted under this section within 180 days of receipt thereof, except that this time limit may be exceeded for good cause found and communicated to the petitioner. The Secretary's normal response shall be to grant or deny the petition but alternatively, the Secretary may schedule a public hearing or other appropriate proceeding prior to the granting or denial of a petition. If the Secretary grants the petition, the Secretary shall publish a proposed rule in accordance with the petition and a copy of the proposed rule shall be furnished to the petitioner. If the Secretary denies the petition, the Secretary shall notify the petitioner within 7 days after such denial.

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§ 1720.10 Investigations and conferences.

(a) In connection with a rulemaking proceeding, the Secretary may conduct such investigations, make such studies, and hold such conferences as are necessary. Investigations in connection with a rulemaking may be conducted in accordance with the general investigatory procedures under part 3800 of this chapter.

(b) At any such conferences, interested persons may appear to express views and suggest amendments relative to proposed rules.

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§ 1720.15 Notice.

General notice of proposed rulemaking shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and, to the extent practicable, otherwise made available to interested persons. Such notice shall state the time, place, and nature of public hearings, if any; the authority under which the rule or regulation is proposed; either the terms or substance of the proposed rule or regulation or a description of the subjects and issues involved; and the manner in which interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the rulemaking. If the rulemaking was instituted pursuant to petition, a copy of the notice shall be served on the petitioner.

§ 1720.20 Promulgation of rules and regulations.

The Secretary, after consideration of all relevant matters of fact, law, policy, and discretion, including all relevant matters presented by interested persons in the rulemaking proceedings, shall adopt and publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER an appropriate rule or regulation together with a concise general statement of its basis and purpose and any necessary findings; or the Secretary shall give other appropriate public notice of disposition of the rulemaking proceeding.

§ 1720.25 Effective date of rules and regulations.

The effective date of any rule or regulation or of an amendment, suspension, or repeal of any rule or regulation