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### § 28.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to carry out section 119 of the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978, which amended section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by Executive agencies, including this Department, or the United States Postal Service. 49 CFR part 27 implements section 504 in the Department's financial assistance programs.

### § 28.102 Application.

This part applies to all programs or activities conducted by the Department except for programs and activities conducted outside the United States that do not involve individuals with handicaps in the United States.

### § 28.103 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term—  
*Assistant Attorney General* means the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

*Auxiliary aids* means services or devices that enable persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills to have an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, programs or activities conducted by the Department. For example, auxiliary aids useful for persons with impaired vision include readers, Brailled

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materials, audio recordings, and other similar services and devices. Auxiliary aids useful for persons with impaired hearing include telephone handset amplifiers, telephones compatible with hearing aids, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TDD's), interpreters, notetakers, written materials, and other similar services and devices.

*Complete complaint* means a written statement that contains the complainant's name and address and describes the Department's alleged discriminatory actions in sufficient detail to inform the Department of the nature and date of the alleged violation of section 504. It shall be signed by the complainant or by someone authorized to do so on his or her behalf. Complaints filed on behalf of classes or third parties shall describe or identify (by name, if possible) the alleged victims of discrimination.

*Current illegal use of drugs* means illegal use of drugs that occurred recently enough to justify a reasonable belief that a person's drug use is current or that continuing use is a real and ongoing problem.

*Drug* means a controlled substance, as defined in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

*Department* or *DOT* means the U.S. Department of Transportation, including the Office of the Secretary and all operating administrations.

*Departmental Element* (or "DOT element") means any one of the following organizations within the Department:

- (a) Office of the Secretary (OST).
- (b) United States Coast Guard (USCG).
- (c) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- (d) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- (e) Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).
- (f) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
- (g) Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- (h) Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA).
- (i) Maritime Administration (MARAD).
- (j) St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC).