

part shall advise the requester, promptly upon request as described in § 103.24, of the persons or agencies outside the Department of Justice to which records concerning the requester have been disclosed.

(b) Accounting records, at a minimum, shall include the identification of the particular record disclosed, the name and address of the person or agency to which disclosed, and the date of the disclosure. Accounting records shall be maintained for at least 5 years, or until the record is destroyed or transferred to the Archives, whichever is later.

(c) Accounting is not required to be kept for disclosures made within the Department of Justice or disclosures made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

[40 FR 44481, Sept. 26, 1975, as amended at 48 FR 49653, Oct. 27, 1983; 58 FR 31150, June 1, 1993]

**§ 103.31 Notices of subpoenas and emergency disclosures.**

(a) *Subpoenas.* When records concerning an individual are subpoenaed by a Grand Jury, court, or a quasi-judicial agency, the official served with the subpoena shall be responsible for assuring that notice of its issuance is provided to the individual. Notice shall be provided within 10 days of the service of the subpoena or, in the case of a Grand Jury subpoena, within 10 days of its becoming a matter of public record. Notice shall be mailed to the last known address of the individual and shall contain the following information: The date the subpoena is returnable, the court in which it is returnable, the name and number of the case or proceeding, and the nature of the information sought. Notice of the issuance of subpoenas is not required if the system of records has been exempted from the notice requirement pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j), by a Notice of Exemption published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) *Emergency disclosures.* If information concerning an individual has been disclosed to any person under compelling circumstances affecting health or safety, the individual shall be notified at his last known address within 10 working days of the disclosure. Notifi-

cation shall include the following information: The nature of the information disclosed, the person or agency to whom it was disclosed, the date of the disclosure, and the compelling circumstances justifying the disclosure. Notification shall be given by the officer who made or authorized the disclosure.

**§ 103.32 Information forms.**

(a) *Review of forms.* The Service shall be responsible for the review of forms it uses to collect information from and about individuals.

(b) *Scope of review.* The Service Forms Control Unit shall review each form to assure that it complies with the requirements of 28 CFR 16.52.

**§ 103.33 Contracting record systems.**

Any contract by the Service for the operation of a record system shall be in compliance with 28 CFR 16.55.

[40 FR 44481, Sept. 26, 1975, as amended at 58 FR 31150, June 1, 1993]

**§ 103.34 Security of records systems.**

The security of records systems shall be in accordance with 28 CFR 16.54.

**§ 103.35 Use and collection of Social Security numbers.**

The use and collection of Social Security numbers shall be in accordance with 28 CFR 16.56.

[40 FR 44481, Sept. 26, 1975, as amended at 58 FR 31150, June 1, 1993]

**§ 103.36 Employee standards of conduct with regard to privacy.**

Service employee standards of conduct with regard to privacy shall be in compliance with 28 CFR 16.57.

[40 FR 44481, Sept. 26, 1975, as amended at 58 FR 31150, June 1, 1993]

**§ 103.37 Precedent decisions.**

(a) Proceedings before the immigration judges, the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Attorney General are governed by part 1003 of 8 CFR chapter V.

(b)-(f) [Reserved]

(g) *Decisions as precedents.* Except as Board decisions may be modified or overruled by the Board or the Attorney

General, decisions of the Board, and decisions of the Attorney General, shall be binding on all officers and employees of the Department of Homeland Security or immigration judges in the administration of the immigration laws of the United States. By majority vote of the permanent Board members, selected decisions of the Board rendered by a three-member panel or by the Board en banc may be designated to serve as precedents in all proceedings involving the same issue or issues. Selected decisions designated by the Board, decisions of the Attorney General, and decisions of the Secretary of Homeland Security to the extent authorized in paragraph (i) of this section, shall serve as precedents in all proceedings involving the same issue or issues.

(h) *Referral of cases to the Attorney General.* (1) The Board shall refer to the Attorney General for review of its decision all cases which:

(i) The Attorney General directs the Board to refer to him.

(ii) The Chairman or a majority of the Board believes should be referred to the Attorney General for review.

(iii) The Secretary of Homeland Security, or specific officials of the Department of Homeland Security designated by the Secretary with the concurrence of the Attorney General, refers to the Attorney General for review.

(2) In any case the Attorney General decides, the Attorney General's decision shall be stated in writing and shall be transmitted to the Board or Secretary, as appropriate, for transmittal and service as provided in paragraph (f) of this section.

(i) *Publication of Secretary's precedent decisions.* The Secretary of Homeland Security, or specific officials of the Department of Homeland Security designated by the Secretary with the concurrence of the Attorney General, may file with the Attorney General Service precedent decisions as set forth in §103.3(c).

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## PART 109 [RESERVED]

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### §204.1 General information about immediate relative and family-sponsored petitions.

(a) *Types of petitions.* Petitions may be filed for an alien's classification as an immediate relative under section 201(b) of the Act or as a preference immigrant under section 203(a) of the Act based on a qualifying relationship to a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, as follows:

(1) A citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States petitioning under section 204(a)(1)(A)(i) or 204(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Act for a qualifying relative's classification as an immediate relative under section 201(b) of the Act or as a preference immigrant under section 203(a) of the Act must