

(b) Positions in the Community Services Administration and ACTION whose incumbents serve as regional director or regional administrator shall be listed in Schedule C for grades not exceeding GS-15 of the General Schedule and shall be designated Noncareer Executive Assignments for positions graded higher than GS-15. Incumbents of these positions who are, on November 29, 1977, in the competitive service shall not be affected by the foregoing provisions of this subsection.

(c) Within the Department of Agriculture, positions in the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service the incumbents of which serve as State Executive Directors and positions in the Farmers Home Administration the incumbents of which serve as State Directors or State Directors-at-Large shall be listed in Schedule C for all grades of the General Schedule.

[E.O. 11839, 40 FR 7351, Feb. 19, 1975, as amended by E.O. 11887, 40 FR 51411, Nov. 5, 1975; E.O. 12021, 42 FR 61237, Dec. 2, 1977; 47 FR 4227, Jan. 29, 1982]

## PART 7—GENERAL PROVISIONS (RULE VII)

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- 7.1 Discretion in filling vacancies.
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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 3301, 3302.

SOURCE: 28 FR 10025, Sept. 14, 1963, unless otherwise noted.

### § 7.1 Discretion in filling vacancies.

In his discretion, an appointing officer may fill any position in the competitive service either by competitive appointment from a civil service register or by noncompetitive selection of a present or former Federal employee, in accordance with the Civil Service Regulations. He shall exercise his discretion in all personnel actions solely on the basis of merit and fitness and without regard to political or religious affiliations, marital status, or race.

### § 7.2 Reemployment rights.

OPM, whenever it determines it to be necessary, shall prescribe regulations governing the release of employees (both within the competitive service

and the excepted service) by any agency in the executive branch of the Government for employment in any other agency, and governing the establishment, granting, and exercise of rights to reemployment in the agencies from which employees are released.

[28 FR 10025, Sept. 14, 1963. Redesignated by E.O. 13197, 66 FR 7853, Jan. 25, 2001]

### § 7.3 Citizenship.

(a) No person shall be admitted to competitive examination unless such person is a citizen or national of the United States.

(b) No person shall be given any appointment in the competitive service unless such person is a citizen or national of the United States.

(c) OPM may, as an exception to this rule and to the extent permitted by law, authorize the appointment of aliens to positions in the competitive service when necessary to promote the efficiency of the service in specific cases or for temporary appointments.

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## PART 8—APPOINTMENTS TO OVERSEAS POSITIONS (RULE VIII)

Sec.

- 8.1 Additional authority of OPM.
- 8.2 Appointment of United States citizens.
- 8.3 Appointment of persons not citizens of the United States.
- 8.4 Positions excepted from the application of this part.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 3301, 3302.

SOURCE: 28 FR 10025, Sept. 14, 1963, unless otherwise noted.

### § 8.1 Additional authority of OPM.

In addition to authorizing the recruitment and appointment of persons to overseas positions under regulations issued under the preceding Rules, OPM may, by the regulations prescribed by it, authorize the recruitment and appointment of persons to such positions as provided in § 8.2. As used in this part, *overseas positions* means positions in foreign countries and in other areas beyond the continental limits of the United States, except as provided in § 8.4.