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(ii) State the shortcoming(s) and the remedy required; and

(iii) State that a determination of reasonable cause for deregistration will be made unless corrective action is effected within 30 days;

(4) Upon request by the sponsor for good cause, the 30-day term may be extended for another 30 days. During the period for correction, the sponsor shall be assisted in every reasonable way to achieve conformity;

(5) If the required correction is not effected within the allotted time, the registration officer shall send a notice to the sponsor, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, stating the following:

(i) The notice is sent pursuant to this subsection;

(ii) Certain deficiencies (stating them) were called to sponsor's attention and remedial measures requested, with dates of such occasions and letters; and that the sponsor has failed or refused to effect correction;

(iii) Based upon the stated deficiencies and failure of remedy, a determination of reasonable cause has been made and the program may be deregistered unless, within 15 days of the receipt of this notice, the sponsor requests a hearing;

(iv) If a request for a hearing is not made, the entire matter will be submitted to the Administrator, BAT, for a decision on the record with respect to deregistration.

(6) If the sponsor has not requested a hearing, the registration officer shall transmit to the Administrator, BAT, a report containing all pertinent facts and circumstances concerning the non-conformity, including the findings and recommendation for deregistration, and copies of all relevant documents and records. Statements concerning interviews, meetings and conferences shall include the time, date, place, and persons present. The Administrator shall make a final order on the basis of the record before him.

(7) If the sponsor requests a hearing, the registration officer shall transmit to the Secretary, through the Administrator, a report containing all the data listed in paragraph (b)(6) of this section. The Secretary shall convene a hearing in accordance with § 29.9; and

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shall make a final decision on the basis of the record before him including the proposed findings and recommended decision of the hearing officer.

(8) At his discretion, the Secretary may allow the sponsor a reasonable time to achieve voluntary corrective action. If the Secretary's decision is that the apprenticeship program is not operating in accordance with the registered provisions or requirements of this part, the apprenticeship program shall be deregistered. In each case in which reregistration is ordered, the Secretary shall make public notice of the order and shall notify the sponsor.

(9) Every order of deregistration shall contain a provision that the sponsor shall, within 15 days of the effective date of the order, notify all registered apprentices of the deregistration of the program; the effective date thereof; that such cancellation automatically deprives the apprentice or his/her individual registration; and that the deregistration removes the apprentice from coverage for Federal purposes which require the Secretary of Labor's approval of an apprenticeship program.

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§ 29.8 Reinstatement of program registration.

Any apprenticeship program deregistered pursuant to this part may be reinstated upon presentation of adequate evidence that the apprenticeship program is operating in accordance with this part. Such evidence shall be presented to the Administrator, BAT, if the sponsor had not requested a hearing, or to the Secretary, if an order of deregistration was entered pursuant to a hearing.

§ 29.9 Hearings.

(a) Within 10 days of his receipt of a request for a hearing, the Secretary shall designate a hearing officer. The hearing officer shall give reasonable notice of such hearing by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the appropriate sponsor. Such notice shall include:

(1) A reasonable time and place of hearing,

(2) A statement of the provisions of this part pursuant to which the hearing is to be held, and

(3) A concise statement of the matters pursuant to which the action forming the basis of the hearing is proposed to be taken.

(b) The hearing officer shall regulate the course of the hearing. Hearings shall be informally conducted. Every party shall have the right to counsel, and a fair opportunity to present his/her case, including such cross-examination as may be appropriate in the circumstances. Hearings officers shall make their proposed findings and recommended decisions to the Secretary upon the basis of the record before them.

§ 29.10 Limitations.

Nothing in this part or in any apprenticeship agreement shall operate to invalidate:

(a) Any apprenticeship provision in any collective bargaining agreement between employers and employees establishing higher apprenticeship standards; or

(b) Any special provision for veterans, minority persons or females in the standards, apprentice qualifications or operation of the program, or in the apprenticeship agreement, which is not otherwise prohibited by law, Executive order, or authorized regulation.

§ 29.11 Complaints.

(a) This section is not applicable to any complaint concerning discrimination or other equal opportunity matters; all such complaints shall be submitted, processed and resolved in accordance with applicable provisions in 29 CFR part 30, as amended, or applicable provisions of a State Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship adopted pursuant to 29 CFR part 30 and approved by the Department.

(b) Except for matters described in paragraph (a) of this section, any controversy or difference arising under an apprenticeship agreement which cannot be adjusted locally and which is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, may be submitted by an apprentice, or his/her authorized representative, to the appropriate reg-

istration authority, either Federal or State, which has registered and/or approved the program in which the apprentice is enrolled, for review. Matters covered by a collective bargaining agreement are not subject to such review.

(c) The complaint, in writing and signed by the complainant, or authorized representative, shall be submitted within 60 days of the final local decision. It shall set forth the specific matter(s) complained of, together with all relevant facts and circumstances. Copies of all pertinent documents and correspondence shall accompany the complaint.

(d) The Bureau or recognized State Apprenticeship Agency, as appropriate, shall render an opinion within 90 days after receipt of the complaint, based upon such investigation of the matters submitted as may be found necessary, and the record before it. During the 90-day period, the Bureau or State agency shall make reasonable efforts to effect a satisfactory resolution between the parties involved. If so resolved, the parties shall be notified that the case is closed. Where an opinion is rendered, copies of same shall be sent to all interested parties.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an apprentice to use the review procedure set forth in this section.

(f) A State Apprenticeship Agency may adopt a complaint review procedure differing in detail from that given in this section provided it is proposed and has been approved in the recognition of the State Apprenticeship Agency accorded by the Bureau.

§ 29.12 Recognition of State agencies.

(a) The Secretary's recognition of a State Apprenticeship Agency or Council (SAC) gives the SAC the authority to determine whether an apprenticeship program conforms with the Secretary's published standards and the program is, therefore, eligible for those Federal purposes which require such a determination by the Secretary. Such recognition of a SAC shall be accorded by the Secretary upon submission and approval of the following: