

the individual or office of the Service having custody of the system of records. In addition, the published "Notice of Systems of Records" for individual systems may include further requirements of specification, where necessary, to retrieve the individual record from the system.

(f) *Agreement to pay fees.* In accordance with 28 CFR 16.3(c) a requester automatically agrees to pay fees up to \$25.00 by filing a Privacy Act request unless a waiver or reduction of fees is sought. Accordingly, all letters of acknowledgement must confirm the requester's obligation to pay.

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§ 103.22 Records exempt in whole or in part.

(a) When individuals request records about themselves which are exempt from access pursuant to the Privacy Act exemptions in 5 U.S.C. 552a(d)(5), (j) or (k), their requests shall also be considered under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and, unless the records are exempt under both Acts, the request shall be granted. If exemptions under both Acts permit the denial of the records sought and there is good reason to invoke the exemptions, the individual shall be provided a denial of his/her request in writing with the governing exemptions cited. If the disclosure of the existence of a criminal law enforcement proceeding record could itself interfere with a pending law enforcement proceeding of which there is reason to believe the subject is unaware, the Service may, during only such time as the circumstance continues, treat the records as not subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552.

(b) Individual requests for access to records which have been exempted from access pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k) shall be processed as follows:

(1) A request for information classified by the Service under *Executive Order 12356 on National Security Information* requires the Service to review the information to determine whether it continues to warrant classification under the criteria of the Executive

Order. Information which no longer warrants classification shall be declassified and made available to the individual, if not otherwise exempt. If the information continues to warrant classification, the individual shall be advised that the information sought is classified; that it has been reviewed and continues to warrant classification; and that it has been exempted from access under 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1). Information which has been exempted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(j) and which is also classified, shall be reviewed as required by this paragraph but the response to the individual shall be in the form prescribed by paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) Requests for information which has been exempted from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) shall be responded to in the manner provided in paragraph (a) of this section unless a review of the information indicates that the information has been used or is being used to deny the individual any right, privilege or benefit for which he is eligible or to which he would otherwise be entitled under Federal law. In that event, the individual shall be advised of the existence of the record and shall be provided the information except to the extent it would identify a confidential source. If and only if information identifying a confidential source can be deleted or the pertinent parts of the record summarized in a manner which protects the identity of the confidential source, the document with deletions made or the summary shall be furnished to the requester.

(3) Information compiled as part of an employee background investigation which has been exempted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5) shall be made available to an individual upon request except to the extent that it identifies a confidential source. If and only if information identifying a confidential source can be deleted or the pertinent parts of the record summarized in a manner which protects the identity of the confidential source, the document with deletions made or the summary shall be furnished to the requester.

(4) Testing or examination material which has been exempted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(6) shall not be made available to an individual if disclosure

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would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process but shall be made available if no such compromise possibility exists.

(5) The Service records which are exempted and the reasons for the exemptions are enumerated in 28 CFR 16.99.

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§ 103.23 Special access procedures.

(a) *Records of other agencies.* When information sought from a system of records of the Service includes information from other agencies or components of the Department of Justice that has been classified under Executive Order 12356, the request and the requested documents shall be referred to the appropriate agency or other component for classification review and processing. Only with the consent of the responsible agency or component, may the requester be informed of the referral as specified in section 3.4(f) of E.O. 12356.

(b) *Medical records.* When an individual requests medical records concerning himself, which are not otherwise exempt from disclosure, the responsible official as specified in § 103.10(a) of this part shall, if deemed necessary, advise the individual that records will be provided only to a physician designated in writing by the individual. Upon receipt of the designation, the responsible official as specified in § 103.10(a) of this part will permit the physician to review the records or to receive copies of the records by mail, upon proper verification of identity. The determination of which records should be made available directly to the individual and which records should not be disclosed because of possible harm to the individual shall be made by the physician.

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§ 103.24 Requests for accounting of record disclosure.

At the time of his request for access or correction or at any other time, an individual may request an accounting of disclosures made of his record outside the Department of Justice. Re-

quests for accounting shall be directed to the appropriate responsible official as specified in § 103.10(a) of this part listed in the "Notice of Systems of Records". Any available accounting, whether kept in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act or under procedures established prior to September 27, 1975, shall be made available to the individual except that an accounting need not be made available if it relates to: (a) A disclosure with respect to which no accounting need be kept (see § 103.30(c) of this part); (b) A disclosure made to a law enforcement agency pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(7); (c) An accounting which has been exempted from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a (j) or (k).

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§ 103.25 Notice of access decisions; time limits.

(a) *Responsibility for notice.* The responsible official as specified in § 103.10(a) of this part has responsibility for determining whether access to records is available under the Privacy Act and for notifying the individual of that determination in accordance with these regulations. If access is denied because of an exemption, the responsible person shall notify the individual that he may appeal that determination to the Deputy Attorney General within thirty working days of the receipt of the determination.

(b) *Time limits for access determinations.* The time limits provided by 28 CFR 16.1(d) shall be applicable to requests for access to information pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974.

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§ 103.26 Fees for copies of records.

The fees charged by the Service under the Privacy Act shall be those specified in 28 CFR 16.47. Remittances shall be made in accordance with § 103.7(a) of this part.

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