

United States Information Agency

§511.9

(b) A claimant shall mail, or deliver his/her claim to the Office of the General Counsel and Congressional Liaison, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

[34 FR 20430, Dec. 31, 1969, as amended at 51 FR 11016, Apr. 1, 1986]

§511.5 Who may file claim.

(a) Claims for loss or damage of property may be filed by the owner of the property, or his/her legal representatives. Claims for personal injury or death may be made by the injured person or a legal representative of the injured or deceased person. The claim, if filed by a legal representative, should show the capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of this authority to act.

(b) The claim and all other papers requiring the signature of the claimant should be signed by him/her personally or by his/her representative. Signatures should be identical throughout.

§511.6 Agency authority to adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims and limitations upon that authority.

(a) The General Counsel of the Agency, or his/her designee, is delegated authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, and settle claims asserted under the provisions of section 2672 of the Act and under this part.

(b) Limitation on Agency authority: An award, compromise, or settlement of a claim by the Agency under the provisions of section 2672 of the Act, in excess of \$25,000, shall be effected only with the prior written approval of the Attorney General or his/her designee.

§511.7 Investigations.

The Agency may request any other Federal agency to investigate a claim filed under section 2672 of the Act, or to conduct a physical or mental examination of the claimant and provide a report of such examination.

§511.8 Limitations.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of section 2401(b) of title 28 of the United States Code, a tort claim against the United States shall be forever barred

unless presented in writing to the Agency within two (2) years after such claim accrues.

(b) A suit may not be filed until the claim shall have been finally denied by the Agency. Failure of the Agency to make final disposition of the claim within six (6) months after it has been presented shall, at the option of the claimant any time thereafter, be deemed a final denial of the claim for purposes of the Act and of this part.

(c) A suit shall not be filed for a sum greater than the amount of the claim presented to the Agency, except where the increased amount is based upon newly discovered evidence not reasonably discoverable at the time for presenting the claim to the Agency, or upon allegation and proof of intervening facts, relating to amount of the claim.

§511.9 Supporting evidence.

(a) In support of claims for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician. The report should show the nature and extent of injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the effect upon earning capacity, either temporarily or permanently, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation. Itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred should be attached to report.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property which as been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements, or estimates by reliable, disinterested firms or itemized signed receipts if payment has been made.

(c) In support of claims for loss or damage to property which is not economically repairable, the claimant should submit statements of the original cost of the property, date of purchase, and the value of the property before and after the accident together with a statement setting forth the basis used in arriving at such value. Such statements should be from at least two disinterested, competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or

§ 511.10

other qualified persons familiar with the type of property in question.

§ 511.10 Settlement of claim.

The General Counsel will review the findings from the standpoint of questions of law applicable to the claim and will determine disposition. The General Counsel will make final review for settlement of the claim and will sign SF-1145, Voucher for Payment Under Federal Tort Claims Act, and forward it to the Financial Operations Division for payment of claim. Payment of any award or settlement in the amount of \$2,500 or less will be authorized from the appropriation and allotment current for obligation on the date of settlement irrespective of when the cause of action arose. Payment of any award, compromise or settlement in an amount in excess of \$2,500, shall be paid in a manner similar to judgments and compromises out of the appropriation provided by section (c), Pub. L. 89-506 (28 U.S.C. 2672).

§ 511.11 Acceptance of award.

The acceptance by the claimant of any award will be final and conclusive on the claimant. The acceptance will constitute a complete release of any claim by reason of the same subject matter against the United States and against the employee whose act or omission resulted in the claim. Adjudication and payment shall likewise be conclusive on all officers of the United States, unless procured by fraud.

§ 511.12 When litigation is involved in claim.

If a claimant does not agree to a settlement of a claim of which is considered fair and equitable by the Agency's responsible officials, the claimant, upon the final disposition thereof by the Agency, may elect to file suit. Relief from claims which are disallowed may be sought by filing suit in the U.S. District Court for the district where the claimant resides or wherein the act of omission complained of occurred. The failure of the Agency to make final disposition of a claim within 6 months after it has been filed shall, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2672, and at the option of the claimant at any time thereafter, is deemed a final denial of the claim. If a

22 CFR Ch. V (4-1-99 Edition)

suit is filed against the Government involving the Agency, the Department of Justice will request the Agency to furnish the complete file on the case. The Office of the General Counsel will represent the Agency in all negotiations with the Department of Justice.

PART 512—COLLECTION OF DEBTS UNDER THE DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 1982

Subpart A—General Provisions

- Sec.
- 512.1 Definitions.
- 512.2 Exceptions.
- 512.3 Use of procedures.
- 512.4 Conformance to law and regulations.
- 512.5 Other procedures.
- 512.6 Informal action.
- 512.7 Return of property.
- 512.8 Omissions not a defense.

Subpart B—Administrative Offset and Referral to Collection Agencies

- 512.9 Demand for payment.
- 512.10 Collection by administrative offset.
- 512.11 Administrative offset against amounts payable for Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.
- 512.12 Collection in installments.
- 512.13 Exploration of compromise.
- 512.14 Suspending or terminating collection action.
- 512.15 Referrals to the Department of Justice or the General Accounting Office.
- 512.16 Collection services.

Subpart C—Salary Offset

- 512.17 Purpose.
- 512.18 Scope.
- 512.19 Definitions.
- 512.20 Notification.
- 512.21 Hearing.
- 512.22 Deduction from pay.
- 512.23 Liquidation from final check or recovery from other payment.
- 512.24 Non-waiver of rights by payments.
- 512.25 Refunds.
- 512.26 Interest, penalties, and administrative costs.
- 512.27 Recovery when paying agency is not creditor agency.

Subpart D—Interest, Penalties, and Administrative Costs

- 512.28 Assessment.
- 512.29 Exemptions.

AUTHORITY: 31 U.S.C. 3701; 31 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.; 5 U.S.C. 5514; 4 CFR Parts 101-105; 5 CFR Part 550.