

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**22 CFR Part 226**

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Administration of Assistance Awards to U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations; Correction to Financial Reporting for Grants and Cooperative Agreements**AGENCY:** Agency for International Development.**ACTION:** Technical amendment.

SUMMARY: This document contains an amendment to the regulations published as an interim final rule in the **Federal Register** of Thursday, January 19, 1995, (60 FR 3743). The rule relates to the administration of assistance awards to U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations.

DATES: Effective on October 8, 2009.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Gushue, Telephone: 202-712-5831, E-mail: mgushue@usaid.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On January 19, 1995, USAID issued an interim final rule at 22 CFR part 226 which implemented Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-110.

Need for Amendment

As published, the regulation unduly limits the use of financial reporting forms to Standard Form 269 and Standard Form 270. The purpose of the amendment is to relieve this restriction and allow any such forms as OMB approves. OMB now requires Federal Agencies to use the Federal Financial Report (Standard Form 425 or 425a) to give recipients of grants and cooperative agreements a standard format for reporting the financial status of their grants and cooperative agreements (68 FR 17097, 73 FR 47246).

List of Subjects in 22 CFR Part 226

Grants administration.

■ Accordingly, 22 CFR part 226 is amended by making the following technical amendment:

PART 226—ADMINISTRATION OF ASSISTANCE AWARDS TO U.S. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 226 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2381(a) and 2401.

■ 2. Revise § 226.52 to read as follows:

§ 226.52 Financial reporting.

USAID requires recipients to use the Standard Form 425 or Standard Form 425a, Federal Financial Report, or such other forms authorized for obtaining financial information as may be approved by OMB.

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BILLING CODE 6116-01-P**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****23 CFR Part 950**

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Interoperability Requirements, Standards, or Performance Specifications for Automated Toll Collection Systems**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); DOT.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is adding a new part to the Code of Federal Regulations, to add regulations specifying the interoperability requirements for automated toll collection systems for the facilities that are tolled under any of the tolling programs contained in section 1604 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Specifically, this rulemaking requires facilities operating with authority under section 1604 of SAFETEA-LU to use electronic toll collection (ETC) systems and to maximize their system's interoperability with other toll facilities. Although a nationwide interoperability standard has not yet been established, this rule seeks to accelerate progress toward achieving nationwide interoperability by requiring these facilities to upgrade their ETC systems to the national standards whenever adopted.

DATES: This rule becomes effective November 9, 2009.

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7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., *e.t.*, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Electronic Access**

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Background*History*

Section 1604 of SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144) includes provisions related to tolling of highways and facilities. Specifically, section 1604 establishes or amends three tolling programs: (1) The Value Pricing Pilot Program; (2) the Express Lanes Demonstration Program; and (3) the Interstate System Construction Toll Pilot Program. For each toll program under this section, section 1604(b)(6) requires the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate a final rule specifying requirements, standards, or performance specifications for automated toll collection systems.

Section 1604(b)(6) also requires that in developing the final rule to maximize the interoperability of electronic collection systems, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable:

- (1) Accelerate progress toward the national goal of achieving a nationwide interoperable ETC system;
- (2) Take into account the use of noncash electronic technology currently deployed within an appropriate geographical area of travel and the noncash electronic technology likely to be in use within the next 5 years; and
- (3) Minimize additional costs and maximize convenience to users of toll facility and to the toll facility owner or operator.

An NPRM proposing the creation of a new Part 950 of 23 CFR was published on September 20, 2007, at 72 FR 53736. The purpose was to comply with the mandate of section 1604(b)(6) of SAFETEA-LU to promulgate a final rule specifying the requirements, standards, or performance specifications for automated toll collection systems implemented under section 1604. As stated in the NPRM, FHWA does not believe that it can effectively establish a