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this section except for signature and date. Both copies will be sent to the appropriate Postal Data Center Director for completion.

(3) *Submitting SF 210 to disbursing officer.* The Regional Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspectors-in-Charge, and Postal Data Center Director (or designees) will send the originals of SF 210 to each disbursing officer affected and keep the duplicates. These will be the official designations of the employees named on the SF 210 as certifying officers.

(d) *Maintaining designations.* Each office under jurisdiction of the officials named in §222.8 must keep current its designation of authorized certifying officers. When new additional designations are made, this §222.8 shall be followed.

[38 FR 20404, July 31, 1973, as amended at 51 FR 40796, Nov. 10, 1986; 54 FR 29707, July 14, 1989]

§222.9 Delegation of authority to the Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance.

(a) *Delegation.* The Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, may take final action on:

- (1) Claims for overpayment of pay.
- (2) Relief of accountable officers of liability for loss.
- (3) Relief of accountable officers of liability for illegal, improper, or incorrect payments.
- (4) Certifying officers' accountability.
- (5) Deposit to and withdrawal from Postal Service fund.
- (6) Collection of debts due the Postal Service with the exception of those falling under the jurisdiction of the Chief Postal Inspector.
- (7) Adjustment of claims of postmasters and Armed Forces postal clerks, including the loss of funds or valuable papers from their official custody resulting from burglary, fire, or unavoidable casualty, with concurrence by the General Counsel is cases involving doubtful questions of law or fact.

(b) *Redelegation.* The Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Finance, is authorized to redelegate all or part of the authority vested by paragraph (a) of

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this section to such other officers or executives as deemed appropriate.

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§222.10 Delegation of authority to the APMG, International Postal Affairs Department.

The APMG, International Postal Affairs Department, is authorized to sign Express Mail agreements with foreign postal administrations, and to sign technical agreements for the exchange of postal personnel and property with foreign postal administrations.

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PART 223—RELATIONSHIPS AND CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

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223.1 Relationships.

223.2 Channels of communication.

AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 402, 403, 404.

§223.1 Relationships.

(a) *Between Headquarters and Regions.* Each Headquarters group, department, and office shall provide guidance and policy interpretation to regional officials in its area of responsibility.

(b) *Between Postal Region Offices and Field Divisions.* The Regional Postmaster General shall provide guidance and direction to the respective field division general managers/postmasters within the region with the assistance of Regional Directors and their staffs in their areas of specialization.

(c) *Between Field Divisions and MSCs.* Field division general managers/postmasters and staffs shall provide guidance and direction to their respective MSC managers/postmasters.

(d) *Between Field Divisions and Bulk Mail Centers.* Field division general managers/postmasters and staffs shall provide guidance and direction to their Bulk Mail Center Managers.

[38 FR 20406, July 31, 1973, as amended at 43 FR 29117, July 6, 1978; 48 FR 1966, Jan. 17, 1983; 51 FR 40798, Nov. 10, 1986; 54 FR 29708, July 14, 1989]

§ 223.2 Channels of communication.

(a) *Headquarters and Postal Region Offices.* (1) The heads of groups, departments, and offices formulate the necessary directives to provide guidance to regional officials. Direction of regional officials is provided on employee and labor relations matters by the Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Human Resources, and on other matters by the Deputy Postmaster General.

(2) Policy directives shall be issued over the signatures of the heads of the groups, departments, and offices covering matters within their responsibility, except when the Postmaster General or Deputy Postmaster General may wish to issue such directives personally. Policy directives shall be coordinated with other appropriate groups, departments and offices before issuance and reviewed and disseminated by the APMG Information Resource Management Department, and, if within the authority of the issuer, shall have the same effect as though sent by the Postmaster General or the Deputy Postmaster General.

(3) Guidelines and program implementation instructions and procedures not involving policy shall ordinarily be issued over the signature of the group, department, or office head having jurisdiction.

(4) Regional staff officials may communicate directly with the corresponding functional group, department, or office in Headquarters on matters within their area of jurisdiction. In addition, where authorized, they may also directly contact supporting Headquarters departments such as Law Department and Inspection Service Department on technical matters not requiring administrative judgment of the Regional Postmaster General.

(b) *Regional Offices and Field Installations.* The regular channels of communication are:

(1) Associate office postmasters, to and from their MSC Manager/Postmaster.

(2) MSC Managers/Postmasters, to and from their Field Division General Manager/Postmaster.

(3) BMC managers, to and from field division general managers/postmasters.

(4) Field division general managers/postmasters, to and from their Regional Postmasters General.

(5) Heads of other postal installations, to and from their designated superiors as appropriate.

(c) *Headquarters, Postal Region Offices, and other Postal Installations with Postal Data Centers.* (1) The Information Resource Management Department provides the necessary directives to the PDCs. The Law Department shall maintain direct contact on matters relating to professional and policy guidance on claims.

(2) Postal Region Offices and Postal Data Centers may communicate directly with each other.

(3) Other postal installations and PDCs may communicate directly on routine accounting matters.

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PART 224—ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

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224.1 Finance Group.

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224.3 Postal Inspection Service.

224.4 General Counsel.

224.5 Planning Department.

AUTHORITY: 39 U.S.C. 203, 204, 401(2), 403, 404, 409, 1001; Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Pub. L. No. 95-452, as amended), 5 U.S.C. App. 3.

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§ 224.1 Finance Group.

(a) *General.* The Finance Group is headed by a Senior Assistant Postmaster General (SAPMG). The group consists of three departments, each headed by an Assistant Postmaster General, and the Office of the Treasurer and the USPS Records Office. The SAPMG, Finance, participates in the planning and budget process, and reviews and evaluates the budget requests of each region for the areas under control of the Finance Group.

(b) *Rates and Classification Department.* The Rates and Classification Department is responsible for: