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§ 13.1 Basis, purpose, scope and effect.

(a) *Basis.* This part implements the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. 3801-3812. Section 3809 of title 31, United States Code, requires each authority to promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the statute.

(b) *Purpose.* This part:

(1) Establishes administrative procedures for imposing civil penalties and assessments against Persons who Make, submit, or present, or cause to be Made, submitted, or presented, false, fictitious, or fraudulent Claims or written Statements to the Authority or to certain others; and

(2) Specifies the hearing and appeal rights of Persons subject to allegations of liability for such penalties and assessments.

(c) *Scope.* This part applies to all components of the Department of Homeland Security.

(d) *Effect.* (1) This part applies to program fraud cases initiated by any component of the Department of Homeland Security on or after October 12, 2005.

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(2) Program fraud cases initiated by any component of the Department of Homeland Security before October 12, 2005, but not completed before October 12, 2005, will continue to completion under the rules and procedures in effect before this part.

§ 13.2 Definitions.

The following definitions have general applicability throughout this part:

(a) *ALJ* means an Administrative Law Judge in the Authority appointed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3105 or detailed to the Authority pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3344. An ALJ will preside at any hearing convened under the regulations in this part.

(b) *Authority* means the Department of Homeland Security.

(c) *Authority Head* means the Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, or another officer designated by the Deputy Secretary.

(d) *Benefit* means, in the context of a Statement, anything of value, including but not limited to any advantage, preference, privilege, license, permit, favorable decision, ruling, status, or loan guarantee.

(e) *Claim* means any request, demand, or submission:

(1) Made to the Authority for property, services, or money (including money representing grants, loans, insurance, or Benefits);

(2) Made to a recipient of property, services, or money from the Authority or to a party to a contract with the Authority:

(i) For property or services if the United States:

(A) Provided such property or services;

(B) Provided any portion of the funds for the purchase of such property or services; or

(C) Will reimburse such recipient or party for the purchase of such property or services; or

(ii) For the payment of money (including money representing grants, loans, insurance, or Benefits) if the United States:

(A) Provided any portion of the money requested or demanded; or

(B) Will reimburse such recipient or party for any portion of the money paid on such request or demand; or