

**Subpart 128-48.50—Proper Claims for Abandoned or Other Unclaimed Personal Property**

**§ 128-48.500 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart sets forth the policies in regard to proper claims for abandoned or other unclaimed property.

**§ 128-48.501 Definitions.**

**§ 128-48.501-1 Determining official.**

The official who has the authority to grant or deny the claim for the abandoned or other unclaimed property.

**§ 128-48.501-2 Claimant.**

The person who submitted the claim for the abandoned or other unclaimed property.

**§ 128-48.501-3 Owner.**

The person who has primary and direct title to property (see 28 CFR 9.2(e)).

**§ 128-48.501-4 Person.**

An individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, or other entity capable of owning property (see 28 CFR 9.2(f)).

**§ 128-48.502 Procedures relating to claims.**

(a) Upon receipt of a claim, an investigation shall be conducted to determine the merits of the claim, and the investigation's report shall be submitted to the determining official.

(b) The determining official shall be designated by the head of a bureau.

(c) Upon receipt of a claim and the report thereon by the determining official, he shall make a ruling based upon the claim and the investigation's report.

(d) Notice of the granting or denial of a claim for abandoned or other unclaimed property shall be mailed to the claimant or his attorney. If the claim is granted, the conditions of relief and the procedures to be followed to obtain the relief shall be set forth. If the claim is denied, the claimant shall be advised of the reason for such denial.

(e) A request for reconsideration of the claim may be submitted within 10 days from the date of the letter deny-

ing the claim. Such request shall be addressed to the head of the bureau and shall be based on evidence recently developed or not previously considered.

**§ 128-48.503 General procedures.**

(a) Claims shall be sworn and shall include the following information in clear and concise terms:

(1) A complete description of the property including serial numbers, if any.

(2) The interest of the claimant in the property, as owner, mortgagee, or otherwise, to be supported by bills of sale, contracts, mortgages, or other satisfactory documentary evidence.

(3) The facts and circumstances, to be established by satisfactory proof, relied upon by the claimant to justify the granting of the claim.

(b) If the claim is filed before title has vested in the United States, the determining official shall not grant the claim for the abandoned or other unclaimed property unless the claimant establishes a valid, good faith interest in the property.

(c) If the claim is filed after title has vested in the United States, the determining official shall not grant the claim for abandoned or other unclaimed property unless the claimant:

(1) Establishes that he would have a valid, good faith interest in the property had not title vested in the United States; and

(2) Establishes that he had no actual or constructive notice, prior to the vesting of title in the United States, that the property was in the custody of a bureau and that title, after the appropriate time period, would vest in the United States. A claimant shall be presumed to have constructive notice upon publication in a suitable medium concerning the property unless he was in such circumstances as to prevent him from knowing of the status of the property or having the opportunity to see the notice.

**PART 128-50—SEIZED PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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