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**Susan K. Feldman,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## Social Security Administration

### Rescission of Social Security Rulings on the Definition of "Eligible Spouse" as it is Used in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of rescission of Social Security Rulings (SSR) 76-28, 76-41, and 88-11c.

**SUMMARY:** The Commissioner of Social Security gives notice of the rescission of SSR 76-28, SSR 76-41, and SSR 88-11c.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 30, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joanne K. Castello, Division of Regulations and Rulings, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-1711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Social Security Rulings make available to the public precedential decisions relating to the Federal old-age, survivors, disability, supplemental security income, and black lung benefits programs. Social Security Rulings may be based on case decisions made at all administrative levels of adjudication, Federal court decisions, Commissioner's decisions, opinions of the Office of the General Counsel, and other policy interpretations of the law and regulations.

SSR 76-28 and SSR 76-41 were published in the 1976-1980 Cumulative Edition of the Rulings, and SSR 88-11c was published in the 1988 Cumulative Edition of the Rulings. These Rulings concern the definition the Social Security Administration used for the

term "eligible spouse" in supplemental security income cases.

Section 8012 of Public Law (Pub. L.) 101-239 (the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989) changed the definition of the term "eligible spouse" by eliminating the 6-month waiting period for ending couple status after a separation. The definition of the term "eligible spouse" as used in these Rulings is no longer applicable because of the revised statutory definition. We are publishing final regulations to reflect section 8012 of Pub. L. 101-239 on this date.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.807 Supplemental Security Income.)

Dated: February 1, 1995.

**Shirley S. Chater,**

*Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Proposed Policy on Giant Panda Permits

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy for issuance of permits for giant panda imports; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a proposed policy for issuance of permits for the import of giant pandas under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the U.S. Endangered Species Act (Act). Current policy regarding giant panda imports would be superseded by this policy, if adopted. Specifically, no import permits would typically be issued for animals intentionally removed from the wild. All imports would have to be part of a coordinated international panda conservation effort, and activities would need to benefit panda conservation by supplementing, and not interfering with, China's breeding and research programs. Any net profits raised as a result of a panda loan would need to primarily fund conservation projects, educational programs, and/or breeding efforts in China. The Service proposes two alternatives concerning exhibition. One alternative would allow for import of pandas for short-term exhibition loans only as an ancillary component of a captive-breeding and/or scientific research program, when the display would not interfere with the captive-

breeding or research activities. In the other alternative, the Service proposes to retain short-term exhibition loans under certain limited circumstances. The basis for findings required by the CITES on "primarily commercial purposes" and the Act on "enhancement of propagation or survival of the species" are outlined in this proposed policy. The suspension of the review and processing of permit applications to import live giant pandas continues until a decision is made on this proposed policy.

**DATES:** The Service will consider comments received by May 30, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to the Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203. Materials received will be available for public inspection by appointment from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Office of Management Authority, Room 434.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Management Authority: Kenneth B. Stansell, Office of Management Authority, at the above address, telephone (703) 358-2093; fax number (703) 358-2280.

Scientific Authority: Dr. Charles W. Dane, Office of Scientific Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, telephone (703) 358-1708; fax number (703) 358-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The survival and ultimately the increase in the population of the giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) in its natural habitat is the strong desire of the United States, the People's Republic of China (China), and the international conservation community. As such, the panda is subject to strict protection by its listing as an endangered species under the Act and its inclusion in Appendix I of CITES.

The Service is responsible for regulating panda loans in the United States by deciding whether to grant import, export, and re-export permits required by the Act and CITES, and interstate and foreign commerce permits under the Act. In making these decisions the Service, under the Act, must determine whether the proposed activities are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the giant panda and would enhance its existence in the wild, and under CITES, would be for purposes that are not detrimental to the survival of the species and that are not primarily commercial.