owner Scripps Research Institute, timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for an additional interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,914. The patent claims the human drug product, SURFAXIN® (lucinactant), and a method of using SURFAXIN® (lucinactant). The application indicates that a New Drug Application, NDA No. 21–746, for the human drug product SURFAXIN® (lucinactant) has been filed, and is currently undergoing regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially.

Review of the application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for an additional one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because it is apparent that the regulatory review period will continue beyond the extended expiration date of the patent, November 17, 2011, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,914 is granted for a period of one additional year from the extended expiration date of the patent, *i.e.,* until November 17, 2012.

Dated: October 28, 2011.

**Robert W. Bahr,**

*Acting Associate Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

**[Docket No. PTO–C–2011–0069]**

### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI) Nomination Evaluation Committee will meet in closed session on Friday, November 18, 2011. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the relative merits of persons, teams and companies nominated for the 2011 NMTI Medal.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Friday, November 18, 2011, at approximately 9 a.m., and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vikrum Aiyer, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272–8818, or by electronic mail: *nmti@uspto.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, chartered to the United States Department of Commerce, will meet at the United States Patent and Trademark Office campus in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI Medal recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee evaluates the nominations received pursuant to public solicitation and makes its recommendations for the Medal to the Secretary. Committee members are distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business and patent law drawn from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Committee meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B), because the discussion of the relative merit of the Medal nominations is likely to disclose information of a personal nature that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the Medal Program; and the meeting will include a Department of Commerce Ethics Division presentation and question and answer session which may be closed to protect the privileged and confidential personal financial information of Committee members.

The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, formally determined on October 26, 2011, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B). Due to closure of this meeting, copies of any minutes of the meeting will not be available. A copy of the determination is available for public inspection at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: October 28, 2011.

**Teresa Stanek Rea,**

*Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting—Emergency Meeting Notice

This notice that an emergency meeting was held is published pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** The Commission held an emergency closed meeting on October 31, 2011 at 12 p.m. The Commission, by a recorded unanimous vote, determined that the agency business required that business of the agency required that the meeting be held at that time.

**PLACE:** Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st St. NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Registrant Financial Matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Sauntia S. Warfield, Assistant Secretary of the Commission, 202–418–5084.

**Sauntia S. Warfield,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**[CPSC Docket No. 12–C0003]**

### Spin Master, Inc. and Spin Master, Ltd., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Spin Master, Inc. and Spin Master, Ltd., containing a civil penalty of $1,300,000.00.

**DATES:** Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by November 18, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 12–C0003, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 820, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Seth B. Popkin, Lead Trial Attorney, Division of Compliance, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408; telephone (301) 504–7612.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: October 26, 2011.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary.*

**Settlement Agreement**

1. In accordance with 16 CFR 1118.20, Spin Master, Inc. (''SMI'') and Spin Master Ltd. (''SML'') (collectively ''Spin Master''), and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (''Commission'') staff (''Staff''), enter into this Settlement Agreement (''Agreement''). The Agreement and the incorporated attached Order (''Order'') settle staff's allegations set forth below.

**Parties**

2. Staff is the staff of the Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established pursuant to, and responsible for, the enforcement of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051–2089 (''CPSA'').

3. SMI is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, with its principal offices located in Los Angeles, California. At all relevant times, SMI imported and sold toys.

4. SML is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Canada, with its principal offices located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. At all relevant times, SML developed and marketed toys.

5. At all relevant times, SMI was and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spin Master US Holdings, Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SML.

**Staff Allegations**

6. From on or about April 16, 2007, to on or about November 7, 2007, SMI imported into the United States, sold to U.S. consumers, and sold to U.S. retailers, approximately 750,000 units of Aqua Dots. Aqua Dots were children's arts and crafts toys that consisted of tiny beads of different colors that stuck together when sprayed with water, allowing children to create various shapes and designs. Aqua Dots were marketed and sold in different kits with various accessories.

7. Aqua Dots are ''consumer product[s],'' and, at all relevant times, SMI was a ''manufacturer'' and ''retailer'' of those consumer products, and SML was a ''manufacturer'' of those consumer products, which were ''distributed in commerce,'' as those terms are defined in CPSA sections 3(a)(5), (8), (11), and (13), 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5), (8), (11), and (13).

8. By mid-October 2007, Spin Master had received reports that children and a dog had become ill and received emergency medical treatment after ingesting Aqua Dots; however, Spin Master failed to report to the Commission.

9. On October 18, 2007, Spin Master learned that Aqua Dots contained 1,4-butylene glycol (''TMG''). TMG is a chemical that, upon ingestion, metabolizes to gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a Schedule I controlled substance. On October 19, 2007, Spin Master received information that TMG is harmful if swallowed, and that, upon ingestion, it targets the kidneys and central nervous system.

10. In the days and weeks that followed, Spin Master continued to receive reports of children falling ill after ingesting Aqua Dots. The firm also received reports of children falling ill after ingesting a similar product manufactured by the same overseas factory using the same ingredients list containing TMG.

11. On November 2, 2007, Spin Master received a report that a child became ill after ingesting Aqua Dots. On November 5, 2007, Commission staff contacted Spin Master and notified them of that ingestion incident, which had occurred in October 2007.

12. On November 7, 2007, Spin Master, in cooperation with the Commission, voluntarily recalled the product.

13. In the press release announcing the recall, Spin Master acknowledged that ''[c]hildren who swallow the beads can become comatose, develop respiratory depression, or have seizures.''

14. While the firm had enlisted an outside testing agency to evaluate the toxicity of the product, the testing was inadequate. Notwithstanding the testing results, the incident data reflective of human experience suggested that the product was toxic.

15. During the relevant time, Spin Master obtained information that reasonably supported the conclusion that Aqua Dots contained a defect or possible defect that could create a substantial product hazard, or that Aqua Dots created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death. Accordingly, CPSA sections 15(b)(3) and (4), 15 U.S.C. 2064(b)(3) and (4), required Spin Master to inform the Commission immediately of the defect and risk.

16. Spin Master knowingly failed to inform the Commission immediately about Aqua Dots, as required by CPSA sections 15(b)(3) and (4), 15 U.S.C. 2064(b)(3) and (4), and as the term ''knowingly'' is defined in CPSA section 20(d), 15 U.S.C. 2069(d). Under CPSA section 19(a)(4), 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4), these failures constituted prohibited acts, and pursuant to CPSA section 20, 15 U.S.C. 2069, subjected Spin Master to civil penalties.

17. Aqua Dots are ''toxic'' within the meaning of FHSA section 2(g), 15 U.S.C. 1261(g), and are a ''hazardous substance'' within the meaning of FHSA section 2(f)(1)(A), 15 U.S.C. 1261(f)(1)(A).

18. As a toy or other article intended for use by children that is a hazardous substance, or that contains a hazardous substance that is susceptible to access by a child to whom such toy or article is entrusted, Aqua Dots are a ''banned hazardous substance'' within the meaning of FHSA section 2(q)(1)(A), 15 U.S.C. 1261(q)(1)(A).

19. During the relevant time, under FHSA § 5(c)(5), 15 U.S.C. 1264(c)(5), Spin Master acquired knowledge that Aqua Dots were toxic and constituted a banned hazardous substance, and were prohibited from being imported and sold. Pursuant to FHSA section 5(c)(1), 15 U.S.C. 1264(c)(1), Spin Master's prohibited acts subjected it to civil penalties.

**Spin Master's Responsive Allegations**

20. Spin Master denies staff's allegations that Spin Master knowingly violated the CPSA and FHSA; and Spin Master denies any liability and wrongdoing.

21. Spin Master desires to settle this matter without the expense of litigation.

22. The Agreement and the payments made thereunder are made in compromise of disputed and unproven allegations and are not admissions of liability of any kind, whether legal or factual.

23. Spin Master, Inc. was the distributor of Aqua Dots in the United States, and was not involved in the design or manufacture, nor was it the creator or inventor, of Aqua Dots. Spin Master Ltd., located in Toronto, Canada, was the parent of Spin Master, Inc.

24. Spin Master had no involvement in the production of the product and was not given any insight into the chemical composition of the product, which at all times remained a closely guarded trade secret by the manufacturer.

25. Spin Master ensured the product underwent all legally required testing under FHSA regulations, CPSC lead content requirements, Canadian Hazardous Products regulations, and ASTM labeling standards before distribution of the product began, and the product passed all such testing. The distributor, SMI, began distributing the product in the United States in April 2007. Approximately 1,335,151 units of Aqua Dots were sold.

26. Spin Master went above and beyond all legally required testing and engaged a highly regarded independent testing agency to conduct live animal acute toxicity testing (''live animal testing'') on the product on June 6, 2007.

27. On August 10, 2007, Spin Master received and reasonably relied upon the

official live animal testing results from the independent testing agency that stated: ''[the product] MEETS the following requirement(s): Classification of not being toxic as defined in and tested per 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(2)(i)(A), 'Acute oral toxicity' (FHSA regulations.)'' SMI received oral confirmation of this test result as early as August 1, 2007.

28. It became apparent only after the November 7, 2007 recall that the live animal toxicity testing conducted by independent testing agencies was not performed at an appropriate standard of professional care.

29. In October 2007, Spin Master was advised of ingestion incidents arising from the ingestion of large quantities of a similar product and that governmental authorities in countries other than the United States had investigated those incidents and found that product to be safe.

30. On October 18, 2007, Spin Master was advised that the manufacturer of the product had switched the chemical formulation from 1,5 Pentamethylene Glycol to contain 1,4–Butylene Glycol (''TMG''). Upon being advised of the chemical switch, the distributor began investigating the product. On October 19, 2007, the distributor received a Material Safety Data Sheet (''MSDS'') for TMG.

31. On October 25, 2007, Spin Master was advised of the results of a Toxicological Risk Assessment performed by a board-certified toxicologist, which stated that none of the ingredients in the product were banned or restricted for use in consumer products in the United States, and that the product containing TMG would be safe under the FHSA regulations when used as intended or under circumstances involving reasonably foreseeable misuse, assuming that as many as 50 beads would be ingested in a single event. The distributor was also advised that 4 grams of the product, or 50 beads, would have to be consumed to cause significant harm by ingestion.

32. In early November 2007, Spin Master received a detailed report of an ingestion incident involving the product.

33. On November 7, 2007, Spin Master voluntarily recalled the product in conjunction and cooperation with the Commission.

**Agreement of the Parties**

34. Under the CPSA and FHSA, the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and, for purposes of this agreement only, over Spin Master.

35. The parties enter into the Agreement for settlement purposes only. The Agreement does not constitute an admission by Spin Master, nor does it constitute a determination by the Commission, that Spin Master knowingly violated the CPSA and FHSA, or a concession by either party of the accuracy of the representations set forth in the other party's Responsive Allegations.

36. In settlement of staff's allegations, Spin Master shall pay a civil penalty in the total amount of one million three hundred thousand dollars ($1,300,000.00). The civil penalty shall be paid in two (2) installments as follows: six hundred fifty thousand dollars ($650,000.00) shall be paid on or before January 10, 2012; and six hundred fifty thousand dollars ($650,000.00) shall be paid on or before January 10, 2013. Both payments shall be made electronically to the Commission via: *http://www.pay.gov.*

37. Upon provisional acceptance of the Agreement, the Agreement shall be placed on the public record and published in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1118.20(e). In accordance with 16 C.F.R. § 1118.20(f), if the Commission does not receive any written request not to accept the Agreement within fifteen (15) calendar days, the Agreement shall be deemed finally accepted on the sixteenth (16th) calendar day after the date it is published in the **Federal Register**.

38. Upon the Commission's final acceptance of the Agreement and issuance of the final Order, Spin Master knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have in this matter to the following: (1) An administrative or judicial hearing; (2) judicial review or other challenge or contest of the validity of the Order or of the Commission's actions; (3) a determination by the Commission of whether Spin Master failed to comply with the CPSA, the FHSA, and their underlying regulations; (4) a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law; and (5) any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

39. The parties may publicize the terms of the Agreement and the Order.

40. The Agreement and the Order shall apply to, and be binding upon, Spin Master and each of its successors and assigns.

41. The Commission issues the Order under the provisions of the CPSA and FHSA, and violation of the Order may subject Spin Master and each of its successors and assigns to appropriate legal action.

42. The Agreement may be used in interpreting the Order. The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties related to the subject matter contained herein and is subject to the terms of the Order. Understandings, agreements, representations, or interpretations apart from those contained in the Agreement and the Order may not be used to vary or contradict their terms. The Agreement shall not be waived, amended, modified, or otherwise altered without written agreement thereto, executed by the party against whom such waiver, amendment, modification, or alteration is sought to be enforced.

43. If any provision of the Agreement and the Order is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the terms of the Agreement and the Order, such provision shall be fully severable. The balance of the Agreement and the Order shall remain in full force and effect, unless the Commission and Spin Master agree that severing the provision materially affects the purpose of the Agreement and the Order.

SPIN MASTER, INC.

Dated: October 19, 2011 by:

Ronnen Harary,
*Director and CEO, 5890 West Jefferson Boulevard, Suite E, Los Angeles, CA 90116.*

SPIN MASTER LTD.

Dated: October 19, 2011 by:

Ronnen Harary,
*Director and CEO, 450 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario.*

Dated: October 19, 2011 by:

Ronald Y. Rothstein, Esq.,
*Winston & Strawn LLP, 35 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, Counsel for Spin Master, Inc., and Spin Master Ltd.*

Dated: October 19, 2011 by:

Frederick B. Locker, Esq.,
*Locker, Greenberg & Brainin, 420 5th Avenue, Suite 2602, New York, NY 10018, Counsel for Spin Master, Inc., and Spin Master Ltd.*

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION STAFF
*Office of the General Counsel.*

Cheryl A. Falvey,
*General Counsel.*

Mary B. Murphy,
*Assistant General Counsel.*

Dated: October 19, 2011 by:

Seth B. Popkin,
*Lead Trial Attorney.*

Renee McCune,
*Attorney.*

**Order**

Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement entered into among Spin Master, Inc. and Spin Master Ltd. (collectively ''Spin Master''), and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (''Commission'') staff, and the Commission having jurisdiction over the subject matter and, for purposes of this agreement only, over Spin Master, and it appearing that the Settlement Agreement and the Order are in the public interest, it is

*Ordered,* that the Settlement Agreement be, and hereby is, accepted; and it is

*Further ordered,* that Spin Master shall pay a civil penalty in the total amount of one million three hundred thousand dollars ($1,300,000.00). The civil penalty shall be paid in two (2) installments as follows: Six hundred fifty thousand dollars ($650,000.00) shall be paid on or before January 10, 2012; and six hundred fifty thousand dollars ($650,000.00) shall be paid on or before January 10, 2013. Both payments shall be made electronically to the Commission via: *http://www.pay.gov.* Upon the failure of Spin Master to make any of the foregoing payments when due, the total amount of the civil penalty shall become due and payable immediately, and interest on the unpaid amount shall accrue and be paid by Spin Master at the federal legal rate of interest set forth at 28 U.S.C. 1961(a) and (b).

Provisionally accepted and provisional Order issued on the *26th* day of *October,* 2011.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Todd A. Stevenson,

*Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Instructions for Implementing Sustainable Locations for Federal Facilities in Accordance With Executive Order 13514

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of sustainable locations for Federal facilities implementing instructions.

**SUMMARY:** The Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has issued instructions to Federal agencies for integrating sustainable facility location decision-making principles into agency policies and practices, as required under Executive Order 13514 (''E.O. 13514''), ''Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance,'' signed by President Obama on October 5, 2009. 74 FR 52117, Oct. 8, 2009. The purpose of the Executive Order is to establish an integrated strategy toward sustainability in the Federal Government including, efforts to operate high performance sustainable buildings in sustainable locations, and strengthen the vitality and livability of the communities for Federal agencies. Section 2(f) of the E.O. 13514 directs agencies to ''advance regional and local integrated planning by * * * participating in regional transportation planning and recognizing existing community transportation infrastructure; * * * ensuring that planning for new Federal facilities or new leases includes consideration of sites that are pedestrian friendly, near existing employment centers, and accessible to public transit, and emphasizes existing central cities and, in rural communities, existing or planned town centers.'' Section 5(b) of E.O. 13514 directs the Chair of CEQ to issue instructions to implement the Executive Order. The Instructions for Implementing Sustainable Locations for Federal Facilities are now available at: *http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/sustainability/sustainable-locations.*

**DATES:** The Instructions for Implementing Sustainable Locations for Federal Facilities were issued on September 15, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The Instructions for Implementing Sustainable Locations for Federal Facilities are available at: *http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/sustainability/sustainable-locations.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Moore, Federal Environmental Executive, Office of the Federal Environmental Executive, (202) 395–5750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 5(b) of E.O. 13514 authorizes the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to issue instructions to implement the Executive Order. The ''Instructions for Implementing Sustainable Locations for Federal Facilities'' provide formal direction from the Chair of CEQ to Federal agencies to improve sustainability performance by ensuring a balanced consideration and evaluation of land use, the built environment, cost, security, mission need and competition on facility location decision-making. The Instructions ensure that agencies make responsible choices in the siting of facilities that are owned or leased by the Federal government, striking an appropriate balance among cost, security and sustainability, while meeting agency mission need and ensuring competition. The Instructions apply only to Federal agencies, operations, and programs. Agencies are expected to implement the Instructions as part of their compliance with E.O. 13514.

**Authority:** E.O. 13514, 74 FR 52117

Dated: October 28, 2011.

**Nancy H. Sutley,**

*Chair.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

**AGENCY:** DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

**ACTION:** Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 278. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. Actual Expense Allowance (AEA) changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 278 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 1, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Allison Lovelady, (571) 372–1271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 277. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows: The changes in Civilian Bulletin 278 are updated rates for Alaska.

Dated: October 31, 2011.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*