

nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 25, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Forrest City Financial Corporation*, Forrest City, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Forrest City Bank, N.A., Forrest City, Arkansas. Forest City Bank currently operates as Forrest City Bank, FSB, and will convert to a national bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 24, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FTR 22]

Federal Travel Regulation; Texas State Court Decision Overturning Texas House Bill 2129 That Imposed a Hotel Occupancy Tax on the Federal Government and Federal Employees For Official Travel Performed in the State of Texas

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of bulletin.

SUMMARY: The attached bulletin informs agencies of the recent Texas State court

decision which overturned a recently enacted Texas State hotel occupancy tax. The Texas State legislature enacted Texas House Bill 2129, effective September 1, 1995, which imposed a 6 percent hotel occupancy tax on the use or possession of a hotel room in the State of Texas on the Federal Government and on Federal employees lodging in the state while performing official government travel. On April 30, 1996, a Texas State court ruled that Texas House Bill 2129 was unconstitutional on the basis that the provisions taxing the Federal Government and Federal employees performing official travel violated Article VI, clause 2, of the U.S. Constitution (the Supremacy Clause), as well as Article VIII, section 1 and Article I, section 3 of the Texas State Constitution (the Equal Protection Clause). Agencies and their employees must no longer be assessed this tax while lodging in Texas on official government business.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agencies may wish to issue internal guidance informing their employees who perform official travel in the State of Texas that the 6 percent Texas State hotel occupancy tax must not be paid. The General Services Administration is attempting to coordinate a refund of improperly collected taxes and will issue further guidance on this subject.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Calvin L. Pittman, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

Dated: October 17, 1996.

Becky Rhodes,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Transportation and Personal Property.

Attachment

Attachment

October 17, 1996.

TO: Heads of Federal agencies.

SUBJECT: Texas State court decision overturning Texas House Bill 2129 that imposed a hotel occupancy tax on the Federal Government and Federal employees for official travel performed in the State of Texas.

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of a recent Texas State court decision which overturned the Texas State hotel occupancy tax imposed on September 1, 1995.

2. *Background.* The Texas State legislature enacted House bill 2129 which imposed a 6 percent hotel occupancy tax on the use or possession of a hotel room in the State of Texas on the Federal Government and on Federal

employees lodging in the state while performing official government travel. Texas House Bill 2129 became effective on September 1, 1995. However, on April 30, 1996, a Texas State court ruled that Texas House Bill 2129 was unconstitutional on the basis that the provisions taxing the Federal Government and Federal employees performing official travel violated Article VI, clause 2, of the U.S. Constitution (the Supremacy Clause), as well as Article VIII, section 1 and Article I, section 3 of the Texas State Constitution (the Equal Protection Clause). See *La Quinta Inns, Inc. v. John Sharp*, No. 95-15739 (Dist. Ct. Tex., Apr. 30, 1996). Agencies may wish to issue internal guidance to inform their employees performing official travel in the State of Texas that the 6 percent Texas State hotel occupancy tax must not be paid.

3. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on April 30, 1997.

4. *For further information contact.* Calvin L. Pittman, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

HHS Management and Budget Office; Office of Facilities Services; Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

Part A, Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services is being amended at Chapter AM, HHS Management and Budget Office, Chapter AMQ, Administrative Services Center, as last amended at 57 FR 37823-24, 8/20/92. The change is to delete Chapter AMQ and replace with a new Chapter AMR, retitle the Administrative Services Center as the Office of Facilities Services and realign its functions. The changes are as follows:

Delete Chapter AMQ, "Administrative Services Center," in its entirety and replace with the following:

A. AMR.00 Mission. The Office of Facilities Services (OFS) provides leadership and direction for real property management operations and provides Department-wide policy

support for real property, space management, occupational safety and health, environmental and historic preservation responsibilities. Provides facilities management services to all HHS components in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex. Advises senior Departmental officials on management issues related to the effective and efficient operations of the applicable programs and components. Acts as the Department's focal point with other Federal agencies and HHS Operating Divisions (OPDIVs) on policy and regulatory issues involving real property, space management, occupational safety and health, environmental and historic preservation activities for the Office of the Secretary (OS). Directs, plans, obtains, and coordinates building management, space management and design, systems furniture procurement and installation, safety and health and support services in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex.

B. AMR.10 Organization. The Office of Facilities Services is headed by a Director who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget. The Office consists of the following entities:

Immediate Office (AMR)
Division of Policy Coordination (AMR1)
Division of Resources Management (AMR2)
Division of Buildings Management (AMR3)
Division of Security and Special Services (AMR4)

C. AMR.20 Functions. The Office of Facilities Services is responsible for the following functions:

1. The Office of the Director provides leadership, policy guidance and supervision as well as coordinating long and short range planning to constituent organizations.

2. Division of Policy Coordination (AMR1)

a. Establishes, maintains and promulgates HHS and OS policy for the HHS real property program. Establishes guidelines and procedures to monitor effectively the real property owned or leased by HHS.

b. Establishes guidelines to monitor the utilization of all space assigned to the Department by GSA.

c. Develops guidance to the OPDIVs on technical and facilities aspects of the HHS annual RENT budget. Provides oversight of OPDIV performance for this function and provides technical assistance on a Department-wide basis as required. Coordinates preparation among OPDIVs on facilities and space aspects, and collaborates with the Office

of Budget on final Department-wide RENT budgets, consistent with OMB and GSA guidance.

d. Establishes, maintains and promulgates HHS and OS policy for the occupational safety and health, and environmental programs. Provides oversight of OPDIV performance of these functions and provides technical assistance on a Department-wide basis as required.

e. Establishes, maintains, and promulgates HHS and OS policy for the physical security program and provides technical assistance on a Department-wide basis as required.

f. Establishes, maintains, and promulgates HHS and OS policy for the historic preservation program. Provides oversight or OPDIV performance for this function and provides technical assistance on a Department-wide basis as required.

g. Establishes, maintains, and promulgates HHS and OS policy for the Health and Wellness, and Day Care Centers. Provides technical assistance on a Department-wide basis as required. Provides oversight of the HHS Health and Wellness Center at Headquarters.

h. Interprets Department of Energy policy on energy management issues and oversees implementation of energy related legislation within HHS.

i. Establishes information and reporting standards for all above listed programs. Collects, assembles, and analyzes required information for mandated reports to Congress, OMB, GSA and other Federal agencies.

3. Division of Resources Management (AMR2).

a. Provides guidance and direction in formulating and overseeing the execution of OFS's budget and use of its personnel resources, conferring with other organizations within OS as required.

b. Plans, directs, and coordinates financial and budgetary programs for GDM, RENT, Delegated Authority and TAP accounts. Maintains commitment records against allowances, and certifies funds availability for these funding activities.

c. Consolidates and presents budget estimates and forecasts of OFS's resources. Develops and maintains an overall system of budgetary controls to ensure observance of established ceilings on both funds and personnel.

d. Develops and executes the Headquarters OS RENT budget including preparation of the GSA 3530's. Reconciles and processes centralized RENT billings for OS and OPDIV space in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex. Distributes charges to responsible Offices.

e. Clears, funds and tracks all OFS Reimbursable Work Authorizations (RWAs).

f. Identifies/develops the creative application of automated systems in OFS to enhance service delivery.

g. Provides comprehensive PC hardware and software maintenance and support for OFS.

h. Coordinates/develops in-house applications training seminars.

i. Coordinates development of the IRM financial and strategic plans.

4. Division of Buildings Management (AMR3).

a. Under delegation from GSA, is responsible for the physical plan operations and maintenance of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building including procurement and administration of related contracts.

b. Coordinates with GSA on building operation and maintenance matters for HHS-occupied space in GSA controlled facilities in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex.

c. Is responsible for the acquisition, disposition, allocation and monitoring of space for the OS in Washington, D.C. and for the OPDIVs in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex.

d. Enforces compliance with Federal space utilization principles in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex by the preparation of high quality space management plans and drawings, and the arrangement of quality and timely renovation work. Provides engineering and architectural services as well as oversight in support of Southwest Washington, D.C. complex facilities both through in-house staff and contractors.

e. Manages major renovation and system furniture installation projects, moves and space consolidations. Oversees the restoration and renovation of joint use areas in the HHH Building. Procures systems furniture including related design, installation and maintenance services for the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex.

5. Division of Security and Special Services (AMR4)

a. Oversees the OS and Southwest complex occupational safety and health programs, including procurement and administration of related contracts.

b. Provides physical security for employees and facility protection in the HHH Building through the procurement and administration of guard services and equipment. Serves as liaison with GSA for physical security issues affecting HHS employees in GSA controlled space in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex.

c. Provides a variety of facility support services to the OS and OPDIVs

in the Southwest Washington, D.C. complex, including the management of conference and parking facilities, the issuance and control of employee identification badges, and special events support.

d. Serves as the focal point within OFS for the receipt and referral of customer requests for services and complaints related to building operations and facilities management matters and is responsible for monitoring the timely and efficient corrective action.

Dated: October 9, 1996.

Approved By:

John J. Callahan,

Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget.

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Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committees; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces forthcoming meetings of public advisory committees of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This notice also summarizes the procedures for the meetings and methods by which interested persons may participate in open public hearings before FDA's advisory committees.

FDA has established an Advisory Committee Information Hotline (the hotline) using a voice-mail telephone system. The hotline provides the public with access to the most current information on FDA advisory committee meetings. The advisory committee hotline, which will disseminate current information and information updates, can be accessed by dialing 1-800-741-8138 or 301-443-0572. Each advisory committee is assigned a 5-digit number. This 5-digit number will appear in each individual notice of meeting. The hotline will enable the public to obtain information about a particular advisory committee by using the committee's 5-digit number. Information in the hotline is preliminary and may change before a meeting is actually held. The hotline will be updated when such changes are made.

MEETINGS: The following advisory committee meetings are announced:

Joint Meeting of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs, the Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee, and the Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee

Date, time, and place. November 20, 1996, 1 p.m., and November 21 and 22, 1996, 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn—Gaithersburg, Ballroom, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

Type of meeting and contact person. Open committee discussion, November 20, 1996, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; open public hearing, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; open committee discussion, November 21, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; open public hearing, 11 a.m. to 12 m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 12 m. to 5 p.m.; open public hearing, November 22, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Kennerly K. Chapman, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-5455, or e-mail chapmank@cder.fda.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee, code 12541. Please call the hotline for information concerning any possible changes.

General function of the committees. The Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety and effectiveness of over-the-counter (OTC) (nonprescription) human drug products for use in the treatment of a broad spectrum of human symptoms and diseases. The Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs reviews and evaluates data on the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drugs for use in the practice of obstetrics, gynecology, and related specialties. The Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drug products for use in the treatment of infectious diseases and disorders. The Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee reviews and evaluates available data concerning the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational human drug products for use in the treatment of acquired immune deficiency

syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related complex (ARC), and other viral, fungal, and mycobacterial infections.

Agenda—Open public hearing. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before November 6, 1996, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments.

Open committees discussion. On November 20, 1996, the committees will jointly discuss issues relevant to the use of microbicidal topical vaginal agents against infection with sexually transmitted *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC). In light of the significant public health impact of these sexually transmitted diseases, and the difficulties related to the evaluation and promotion of topical vaginal agents as prophylaxis against CT and GC, FDA is soliciting opinions and advice from the advisory committees regarding the development of policy for topical vaginal bacteriocidal agents. Issues for discussion include: (1) The quality and type of data that are available to support the use of such agents as prophylaxis against CT and GC, (2) what additional data would be required by the agency to create a label for such agents, and (3) whom would the appropriate target audience be for such agents. The agency encourages investigators, academicians, and members of the pharmaceutical industry with information about the use of such agents as prophylaxis against infection with CT and GC to respond to this notice. On November 21, 1996, the committees will discuss guidelines for the development of vaginal products for preventing the transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). On November 22, 1996, the committees will discuss proposals and guidances for clinical efficacy studies on marketed OTC vaginal spermicides. Issues for discussion will include the type of data and quality of both in vitro and in vivo data needed to support and ensure spermicidal efficacy in final formulation.

Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee

Date, time, and place. November 22, 1996, 8:30 a.m., Gaithersburg Hilton, Ballroom, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.