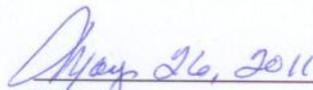


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SUBJECT: Federal Travel Regulation Amended Adding Terms and Definitions for “Dependent”, “Domestic Partner” and Domestic Partnership” and Revising Definition of “Immediate Family”

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2011

EXPIRATION DATE: Effective until canceled or superseded by the issuance of a final rule

PURPOSE: To announce that GSA has issued an interim rule to amend the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) definition of “Immediate family” to include same-sex domestic partners and their dependents.

PROVISION: GSA amended the FTR adding terms and definitions for “Dependent”, “Domestic partner” and “Domestic partnership”, and by revising the definition of “Immediate family” to include “Domestic partner” and children, dependent parents, and dependent brothers and sisters of the domestic partner as named members of the employee’s household. The interim rule also adds references to domestic partner and committed relationships, where applicable within the FTR. These definitions apply to travel orders created on or after March 3, 2011.

Travelers can access the Federal Register to review the change at:

<http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2010/11/03/2010-27691/federal-travel-regulation-ftr-terms-and-definitions-for-dependent-domestic-partner-domestic#p-13>

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