

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER PUBLICATIONS

FEDERAL REGISTER

Published every Federal working day, the *Federal Register* is the official gazette of the United States Government. It provides legal notice of administrative rules and notices and Presidential documents in a comprehensive, uniform manner. The *Federal Register* contains:

- Federal Agency Regulations
- Proposed Rules
- Public Notices
- Executive Orders
- Proclamations
- Other Presidential Documents



CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS INDEX AND FINDING AIDS

The *CFR Index and Finding Aids* contains a broad, cumulative subject index directing users to titles and parts of the *Code of Federal Regulations* relating to regulations of a specific subject matter or issued by a specific agency. The subjects used in the index are taken from an official thesaurus of terms developed by the Office of the Federal Register.



THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MANUAL

The *United States Government Manual* provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches. It also includes information on quasi-official agencies; international organizations in which the United States participates; and Federal boards, commissions, and committees. A typical agency description includes:

- A list of officials heading major operating units
- A summary statement of the agency's purpose and role in the Federal Government
- A brief history of the agency, including its legislative or executive authority
- A description of its programs and activities
- Information, addresses, and phone numbers to help users locate detailed information on consumer activities, contracts and grants, employment, publications, and other matters of public interest



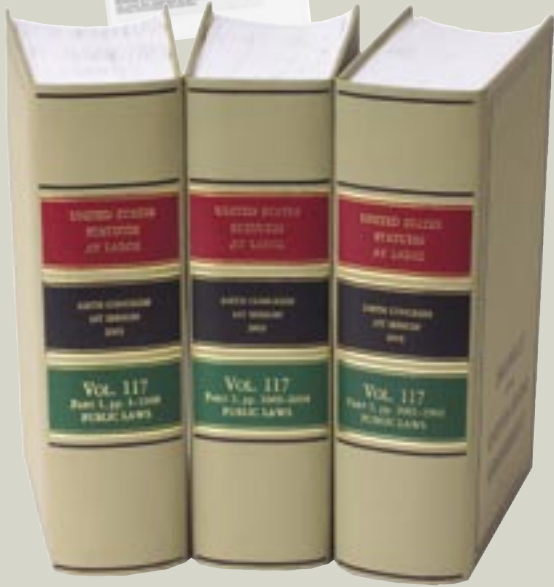
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

The *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) presents the official and complete text of agency regulations in an organized fashion in a single publication. The CFR is divided into 50 titles covering broad subject areas of Federal regulations. The printed edition, containing more than 220 volumes, is revised annually on a quarterly basis. The CFR is updated by amendments appearing in the daily *Federal Register*. Used together, these two publications establish the latest version of any given rule. The Office also publishes a currently-updated on-line version, the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations or *e-CFR*.



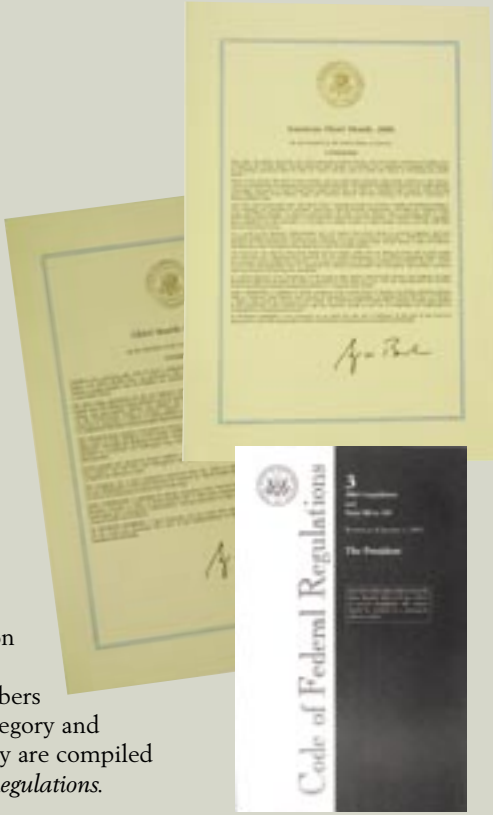
SLIP LAWS

After a bill is enacted into law, it is delivered to the Office of the Federal Register to assign it a Public Law number and statutory citation, and to prepare marginal notes, citations, and the legislative history. Printed in pamphlet form, the *slip law* is an official publication of the law and admissible as "competent" legal evidence.



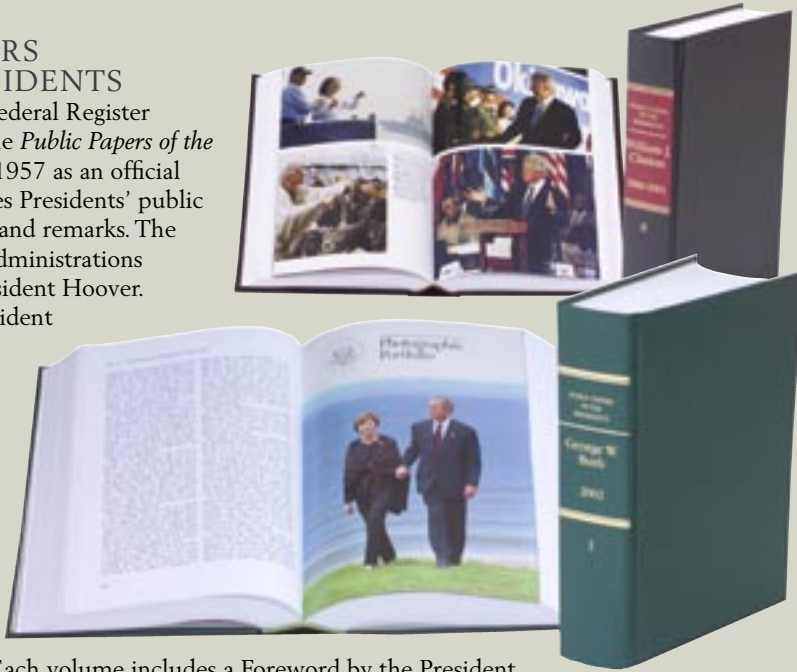
UNITED STATES STATUTES AT LARGE

The *United States Statutes at Large* is legal and permanent evidence of all the laws. It is an indexed and bound compilation of the laws for each session of Congress, published annually. The series also contains concurrent resolutions, reorganization plans, proposed and ratified amendments to the Constitution, and proclamations issued by the President.



EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND OTHER PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Executive orders are official documents issued by the President in the course of managing the operations of the Federal Government and are generally directed to Executive agencies. *Proclamations* issued by the President are used for ceremonial purposes or deal with trade matters. Other *Presidential Documents* include determinations, memorandums, notices of emergency continuation, and reorganization plans. When received from the Executive Clerk at the White House, the Office numbers these documents consecutively in each category and publishes them in the *Federal Register*. They are compiled annually in Title 3 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.



PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENTS

The Office of the Federal Register began publishing the *Public Papers of the Presidents* series in 1957 as an official text of United States Presidents' public writings, addresses, and remarks. The series now covers administrations beginning with President Hoover. (The papers of President Franklin Roosevelt were published privately before the commencement of the official Public Papers series). Volumes are normally published twice a year and cover approximately a six-month period. Each volume includes a Foreword by the President and a color portfolio of photographs depicting events occurring during the period covered.



ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

The Office of the Federal Register ensures the orderly collection and accurate official count of Electoral College votes for President and Vice President. These functions begin when the Office prepares and forwards material to the State Governors advising them of their responsibilities. As each State certifies its election results, the Office receives Certificates of Ascertainment authenticating the official slate of electors.

Electors meet in December to cast separate ballots for President and Vice President. The electors' signed Certificates of Vote are then forwarded to the Office which ensures that each State's allotment of the 538 electoral votes is signed, sealed and otherwise executed in accordance with law. The Office of the Federal Register makes copies of the electoral certificates available for public inspection and acts as an official information source for press and public inquiries.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The authority to amend the Constitution is derived from Article V. After Congress proposes an amendment by two-thirds majorities in the House and Senate, the Director of the Federal Register is charged with administering the ratification process.

When both Houses of Congress pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment, the Office publishes it in slip law form and notifies the appropriate officials in the States. When a State ratifies a proposed amendment, the Director takes custody of the certificate of ratification.

If three-fourths of the States (38) ratify, the Archivist certifies and announces the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution. The Office publishes the certificate of adoption in the *Federal Register* and in the *United States Statutes at Large*. Afterwards, the Office of the Federal Register transfers the ratification documents to the Archives for permanent retention and preservation.

FEDERAL REGISTER INDEX

The *Federal Register Index* is a monthly publication designed to lead users to documents published in the *Federal Register*. It is a consolidation of the Table of Contents entries from the daily *Federal Register*. The entries are arranged alphabetically by agency and, under each agency, by category of document. Each monthly index is cumulative on a calendar year basis.



LIST OF CFR SECTIONS AFFECTED

The *List of CFR Sections Affected*, or "LSA," is designed to direct users to changes to the *Code of Federal Regulations* published in the *Federal Register*. The LSA is published monthly in cumulative form. The issues of December, March, June and September are annual cumulations for groups of CFR titles.