

continuing qualifications for annual renewal of its certificate of authority. However, the Treasury Department reserves the right to redetermine the amounts of fees annually. Fees are determined in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-25, as amended.

(c) Specific fee information may be obtained from the Assistant Commissioner, Comptroller at the address shown in § 223.2. In addition, a notice of the amount of a fee referred to in § 223.22(a) (1) through (4) will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER as each change in such fee is made.

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## PART 224—FEDERAL PROCESS AGENTS OF SURETY COMPANIES

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### § 224.1 Statutory provision.

The rules and regulations in this part are prescribed for carrying into effect 31 U.S.C. 9306.

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### § 224.2 Appointment of process agents.

(a) *Generally.* Companies should especially note that the law prohibits the doing of business under the provisions of this act beyond the State under whose laws it was incorporated and in which its principal office is located until an agent is appointed to accept Federal process on behalf of the company. An agent for the service of Federal process should be appointed:

- (1) In the district where the principal resides;
- (2) In the district where the obligation is to be undertaken and performed; and
- (3) Also in the District of Columbia where the bond is returnable and filed.

The appointment of process agents pursuant to a local State statute is not compliance with the Federal law. Although one and the same agent may serve under both the State and Federal appointments, he must, nevertheless, be especially designated to accept Federal process. It should also be noted that the agent so designated must reside within the jurisdiction of the court for the judicial district wherein such suretyship is to be undertaken, and must be citizen of the State, Territory, or District of Columbia in which such court is held. Consequently an agent residing in the northern district of New York could not at the same time serve as the company's Federal process agent for the southern district of that State.

(b) *Agent required in District of Columbia.* Every company must, immediately upon receipt of its initial authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, appoint a suitable person resident in the District of Columbia on whom may be served all lawful process issued by the Federal Courts in said district. This appointment is required whether or not the company contemplates the writing of bonds in favor of the United States to be undertaken within the District of Columbia.

(c) *Agent not required in State of incorporation where principal office is located.* The law does not require the appointment of Federal process agents for the State under whose laws the company is incorporated, and in which its principal office is located.

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### § 224.3 Powers of attorney appointing process agents; with whom filed.

The clerk of the United States district court at the main office in each judicial district must be furnished with a sufficient number of authenticated copies of the power of attorney appointing an agent for the service of process to enable him to file a copy in his office, and at each other place where a divisional office of the court is located within the judicial district for which the process agent has been appointed. Such copies may be authenticated at the home office of the company by its officers duly authorized, and sworn to before an officer legally