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of the Postmaster General. The following officers are appointed by the Postmaster General:

- (1) Associate Postmaster General;
- (2) Senior Assistant Postmasters General;
- (3) Assistant Postmasters General;
- (4) The General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel;
- (5) The Consumer Advocate;
- (6) The Chief Postal Inspector;
- (7) The Judicial Officer;
- (8) The Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General;
- (9) The Treasurer; and
- (10) The Regional Postmasters General.

(b) The number of SAPMGs and APMGs is set by resolution of the Board of Governors.

(c) The Postmaster General, in consultation with the Governors of the Postal Service, shall appoint the Chief Postal Inspector. With the concurrence of the Governors of the Postal Service, the Postmaster General may remove the Chief Postal Inspector or transfer the Chief Postal Inspector to another position or location in the Postal Service. If the Chief Postal Inspector is removed or transferred, the Postmaster General shall promptly notify both House of Congress in writing of the reasons for such removal or transfer.

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## § 221.9 Postal Service emblem.

The Postal Service emblem, which is identical with the seal, is registered as a trademark and service mark by the U.S. Patent Office. Except for the emblem on official stationery, the emblem must bear one of the following notations: "Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.", "Registered in U.S. Patent Office", or the letter R enclosed within a circle.

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## § 222.1 Authority for delegation.

(a) The Postmaster General is empowered to authorize any employee or agent of the Service to exercise any function vested in the Postal Service, in the PMG, or in any other Postal Service employee.

(b) The Deputy Postmaster General is the full alternate to the Postmaster General.

(c) When, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, neither the Postmaster General nor the Deputy Postmaster General can act as Postmaster General, the first available official on the following list will do so:

- (1) Associate Postmaster General;
- (2) Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Operations Support.

(d) The Postmaster General has been authorized by the Board of Governors to exercise the powers of the Postal Service to the full extent that such exercise is lawful. See §§3.5 and 4.3 of this chapter.

(e) The Associate Postmasters General; the SAPMGs; the Chief Postal Inspector; the General Counsel; the Assistant Postmaster General, Planning; and the Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, act for the Postmaster General on assigned matters. These officers are authorized to exercise the powers and functions of the Postal Service under the Postal Reorganization Act, in respect to matters within their area of responsibility, except as limited by law or by the specific terms of their assignment.

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(f) Heads of departments or offices who report to a Senior Assistant Postmaster General are authorized to exercise the powers and functions of that SAPMG within the area of responsibility of their department or office, except as such authority may be reserved or rescinded by the SAPMG or is limited by law or the terms of their specific assignment.

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### § 222.2 Media of delegation.

(a) All delegations of authority must be issued through official directives.

(b) Headquarters or regional officials shall not orally authorize postmasters to deviate from published instructions, except in emergencies. An oral authorization must be confirmed by a memorandum or order dated subsequent to the issuance date of the most recently published instructions on the subject. Postal inspectors shall charge as irregularities any improperly authorized deviations observed in the course of office inspections.

[38 FR 20404, July 31, 1973, as amended at 51 FR 40797, Nov. 10, 1986]

### § 222.3 Contents of delegations.

(a) Delegations of authority shall ordinarily be made by position title rather than by name of the individual involved. An officer or executive acting in the absence of a principal has the principal's full authority.

(b) When authority is delegated to an officer, the officers above that officer shall have the same authority. Delegated authority shall not extend to aides except when an aide serves on an acting basis (see paragraph (a) of this section) or unless the aide is specifically authorized by the superior to exercise such authority.

(c) A delegation must agree with the law and regulations under which it is made and contain such specific limiting conditions as may be appropriate.

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### § 222.4 Redelegation.

(a) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, or by a regulation that expressly

prohibits redelegation, or by the terms of the delegation:

(1) Heads of groups, functions, or offices at Headquarters are authorized to redelegate any authority vested in them.

(2) Regional Postmasters General or heads of regional departments are authorized to redelegate any authority vested in them subject to the condition that redelegation to members of a regional staff must be consistent with the then current regional organizational structure.

(3) Field division general managers/postmasters are authorized to redelegate, subject to or within guidelines issued by the RPMG, any authority vested in them, provided that the redelegation is consistent with the current organizational structure.

(4) Postal data center (PDC) directors are authorized to redelegate any authority vested in them.

(5) Heads of MSCs and other field installations are authorized to redelegate to members of their respective staffs any authority vested in them.

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### § 222.5 Authority to approve personnel actions and administer oaths of office for employment.

(a) *Delegation.* The following are authorized to effect appointments, administer oaths of office for employment, and take other personnel actions:

(1) Senior Assistant Postmaster General, Human Resources, Assistant Postmasters General, Employee Relations Department and Labor Relations Department;

(2) Chief Postal Inspector;

(3) Regional Chief Postal Inspectors;

(4) Postal Inspectors-in-Charge;

(5) Regional Postmasters General;

(6) Heads of postal field installations including those reporting directly to specified departments in Headquarters or to Regional Postmasters General;

(7) Officials occupying personnel services positions EAS-15 and above, when their positions include responsibility for functions such as recruitment, appointments, replacements, position changes and separations, and related personnel processing.