NOAA *Circular* 78-49 August 7, 1978

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SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Claims

TO: Financial Management Centers

1. In order to effect the transfer of the claims function from the Office of Administration to the Office of General Counsel, the following delegations of authority are being removed from the NOAA Claims Officer (position will be discontinued) and transferred to the General Counsel.

2. In accordance with authority delegated to me by Department Order 203-24, I hereby redelegate that authority, pursuant to Section 3.02 of that Order, to the General Counsel of NOAA or his/her designee. This authority is with respect to tort claims filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2672 et seq., the Federal Tort Claims Act.

3. In accordance with authority delegated to me by Department Organization Order 25-5A, Section 3.01(u), I hereby redelegate that authority, pursuant to Section 3.03 of that Order, to the General Counsel of NOAA or his/her designee. This authority is with respect to the arbitration, compromise or settlement of maritime claims under 46 U.S.C. 741 et seq., the Suits in Admiralty Act.

4. In accordance with authority delegated to me by Department Order 203-22, I hereby redelegate that authority, pursuant to Section 4.02 of that Order, to the General Counsel of NOAA or his/her designee. This authority is with respect to personal property claims of agency employees under 31 U.S.C. 240 et seq., the Civilian Employees' and Military Personnel Claims Act of 1964.

5. In accordance with authority delegated to me by Department Order 203-23, I hereby redelegate that authority, pursuant to Section 3.02 of that Order, to the General Counsel of NOAA or his/her designee. This authority is with respect to the implementation of PL 88-508, the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966.

6. In accordance with authority delegated to me by 33 U.S.C. 853, I hereby redelegate that authority to the General Counsel of NOAA or his/her designee. This authority is with respect to claims arising other than by negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of NOAA employees acting within the scope of their employment.

7. Effective Date. The provisions of this Circular are effective July 30, 1978.

Richard A. Frank
Administrator

Approved:
for Assistant Secretary
for Administration