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6 FAM 310 CLAIMS FOR PRIVATE PERSONAL PROPERTY LOSSES

AND

6 FAM 320 CLAIMS PROCEDURES

MAJOR CHANGES

1. **6 FAM 310** has been revised. Major changes include:
 - **6 FAM 311.3, paragraph f:** This new paragraph is on the fast-track claim: An accelerated process for the adjudication and processing of properly submitted claims under \$1,000; and
 - **6 FAM 316 Exhibit 316.2B:** The Table of Maximum Amounts Allowable (U.S. dollars per claim) has been revised for evacuation losses which occurred on or after April 7, 1997, and for all other claims effective May 15, 2001.
2. **6 FAM 320** has been revised. One major change is:
 - **6 FAM 321, paragraph e:** This new paragraph deals with the submission of fast-track claims by State Department employees.
3. Legal authority and additional reference materials can be found at the following web sites:
 - Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)—
<http://frwebgate.access.gov/egi-bin/get-cfr>;
 - 5 United States Code (U.S.C.)—
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode>; and

- Office of Personnel Management—
<http://www.opm.gov>

4. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

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