

## 9.407-4 Period of suspension.

(a) *Suspension shall* be for a temporary period pending the completion of an investigation and any ensuing legal proceedings, unless sooner terminated by the *suspending and debarring official* or as provided in this section.

(b) If legal proceedings are not initiated within 12 months after the date of the *suspension* notice, the *suspension shall* be terminated unless an office of a U.S. Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, or other responsible prosecuting official requests its extension, in which case it *may* be extended for an additional 6 months. In no event *may* a *suspension* extend beyond 18 months, unless legal proceedings have been initiated within that period.

(c) The *suspending and debarring official shall* notify the Department of Justice or other responsible prosecuting official of the proposed termination of the *suspension*, at least 30 days before the 12-month period expires, to give that official an opportunity to request an extension on the Government's behalf.

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