

Department which impose requirements designed to prohibit any discrimination against individuals on the ground of race, color, or national origin under any program to which the regulations in this part apply, and which authorize the suspension or termination of or refusal to grant or to continue Federal financial assistance to any applicant for or recipient of such assistance for failure to comply with such requirements, are hereby superseded to the extent that such discrimination is prohibited by the regulations in this part, except that nothing in the regulations in this part shall be deemed to relieve any person of any obligation assumed or imposed under any such superseded regulation, order, instruction, or like direction prior to the effective date of the regulations in this part. Nothing in these regulations, however, shall be deemed to supersede any of the following including future amendments thereof:

- (1) Executive Order 11246 and regulations issued thereunder; or
- (2) Executive Order 11063 and regulations issued thereunder or any other regulations or instructions insofar as they prohibit discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin in any program or situation to which the regulations in this part are inapplicable, or prohibit discrimination on any other ground.

(b) *Forms and instructions.* Each Agency shall issue and promptly make

available forms and such implementing instructions and procedures consistent with the regulations in this part as may be necessary. Each Agency in making available Federal financial assistance to any program or activity may utilize contractual commitments in obtaining compliance with the regulations in this part, including obtaining compliance by recipients other than the contracting recipient.

(c) *Supervision and coordination.* The Secretary may from time to time assign to officials of other Departments or Agencies of the Government with the consent of such Department or Agency, responsibilities in connection with the effectuation of the purposes of title VI of the Act and the regulations in this part (other than responsibility for final decision as provided in §15.10) including the achievement of effective coordination and maximum uniformity within the Department and within the Executive Branch of the Government in the application of title VI and these regulations to similar programs and in similar situations. Any action taken, determination made, or requirement imposed by an official of another Department or Agency acting under this paragraph shall have the same effect as though such action had been taken by the Secretary or any Agency of this Department.

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APPENDIX TO SUBPART A OF PART 15—LIST OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM USDA

The types of Federal assistance administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture include but are not limited to the following:

Type of Federal Financial Assistance	Authority
Administered by the Agricultural Cooperative Service	
1. Cooperative Development	Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926, 7 U.S.C. 451 <i>et seq.</i> Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1621 <i>et seq.</i>
Administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service	
2. Federal-State marketing improvement program	Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, Section 204b, 7 U.S.C. 1623(b).

Type of Federal Financial Assistance	Authority
Administered by the Agricultural Research Service	
3. Soil and Water Conservation	7 CFR 3015.205(b); Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1862 (7 U.S.C. 2201); the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621) and the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1281 <i>et seq.</i>).
4. Animal Productivity	7 CFR 3015.205(b); Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1862; (7 U.S.C. 2201); the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621) and the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1281 <i>et seq.</i>).
5. Plant Productivity	7 CFR 3015.205(b); Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1862, (7 U.S.C. 2201); the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621) and the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1281 <i>et seq.</i>).
6. Commodity Conversion and Delivery	7 CFR 3015.205(b); Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1862 (7 U.S.C. 2201); the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621) and the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1281 <i>et seq.</i>).
7. Human Nutrition	7 CFR 3015.205(b); Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1862 (7 U.S.C. 2201); the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621) and the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1281 <i>et seq.</i>).
8. Integration of Agricultural Systems	7 CFR 3015.205(b); Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1862 (7 U.S.C. 2201); the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621) and the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1281 <i>et seq.</i>).
Administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service	
9. Price support programs operating through producer associations, cooperatives and other recipients in which the recipient is required to furnish specified benefits to producers (e.g. tobacco, peanuts, cotton, rice, honey, dry edible beans, tung oil, naval stores and soybeans price support programs).	Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, 7 U.S.C. 1301-1393; Pub. L. 73-430; Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714 <i>et seq.</i> ; Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1421 <i>et seq.</i> ; Pub. L. 81-439, as amended; Agriculture and Food Act of 1961; Pub. L. 97-98; Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983; Pub. L. 98-180; Agricultural Programs Adjustment Act of 1984; Pub. L. 98-258; Food Security Act of 1985; Pub. L. 99-198.
Administered by Cooperative State Research Service	
10. 1890 Research Facilities	Sec. 1433 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95-113, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 3195.
11. Payments to 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Tuskegee Institute.	Sec. 1445 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977; Pub. L. 85-113, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 3222.
12. Cooperative Forestry Research (McIntire-Stennis Act)	Cooperative Forestry Research Act of October 10, 1962; Pub. L. 87-788; 16 U.S.C. 582a-582q-7.
13. Payments to Agricultural Experiment Stations under Hatch Act.	Hatch Act of 1887, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 361a-361i.
14. Grants for Agricultural Research Competitive Research Grants.	Sec. 2(b) of Pub. L. 89-106; 7 U.S.C. 450(b), as amended.
15. Grants for Agricultural Research, Special Research Grants.	Sec. 2(c) of Pub. L. 89-106; 7 U.S.C. 450(c), as amended.
16. Animal Health and Disease Research	National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, Sec. 1433, Pub. L. 95-113, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 3195.
Administered by Extension Service	
17. Home Economics	Smith-Lever Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 341-349; District of Columbia Post-secondary Education Reorganization Act, D.C. Code, Sec. 31-1518; Title V, Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 2661 <i>et seq.</i> Sec. 14, Title 14, National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977; Pub. L. 95-113, as amended.

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Type of Federal Financial Assistance	Authority
18. 4-H Youth Development	Smith-Lever Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 341-349; District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act, D.C. Code, Sec. 31-1518; Title VI, Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 2661 <i>et seq.</i> ; Sections 1425 and 1444, National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977; Pub. L. 95-113, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 3221, 3175; Pub. L. 96-374, Sec. 1361(c); 7 U.S.C. 301 note; Pub. L. 97-98, Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, sec. 1401.
19. Agricultural and Natural Resources	Smith-Lever Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 341-349; District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act, D.C. Code, Sec. 31-1518; Title V, Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 2661 <i>et seq.</i> ; Sec. 14, National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977; Pub. L. 95-113, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 3101 <i>et seq.</i>
20. Community Resource Development	Smith-Lever Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 341-349; District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Reorganization Act, D.C. Code 31-1518; Title V, Rural Development Act of 1972, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 2661 <i>et seq.</i> ; National Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Policy Act of 1977; Pub. L. 95-113, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 3101 <i>et seq.</i> ; Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978; 16 U.S.C. 1671-1676.
Administered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation	
21. Crop Insurance	Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1501-1520; Title V of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938; 52 Stat. 31 and Federal Crop Insurance Act of 1980; Pub. L. 96-385 (Sept. 26, 1980); 94 Stat. 1312-1319.
Administered by Farmers Home Administration	
22. Farm Ownership Loans to install or improve recreational facilities or other nonfarm enterprises.	Section 302 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1923.
23. Farm Operating Loans to install or improve recreational facilities or other nonfarm enterprises.	Sec. 312 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1942.
24. Community Facility Loans	Sec. 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1926.
25. Rural Rental Housing and related facilities for elderly persons and families of low income.	Sec. 515, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1485.
26. Rural Cooperative Housing	Sec. 515, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1485.
27. Rural Housing Site Loans	Sec. 524, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1490d.
28. Farm and Labor Housing Loans	Sec. 514, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1484.
29. Farm Labor Housing Grants	Sec. 516, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1486.
30. Mutual self-help housing grants. (Technical assistance grants).	Sec. 523, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1490c.
31. Technical and supervisory assistance grants	Sec. 525, Title V, Housing Act of 1949, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1490e.
32. Individual Recreation Loans	Sec. 304 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1924.
33. Recreation Association Loans	Sec. 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1926.
34. Private enterprise grants	Sec. 310(B)(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1932(c).
35. Indian Tribal Land Acquisition Loans	Pub. L. 91-229, approved April 11, 1970; 25 U.S.C. 488.
36. Grazing Association Loans	Sec. 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1926.
37. Irrigation and Drainage Associations	Sec. 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1926.
38. Area development assistance planning grant program	Sec. 306(a)(11) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(11).
39. Resource conservation and development loans	Sec. 32(e) of Title III, the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act; 7 U.S.C. 1011(e).
40. Rural Industrial Loan Program	Sec. 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1932.
41. Rural renewal and resource conservation development, land conservation and land utilization.	Sec. 31-35, Title III, Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act; 7 U.S.C. 1010-1013a.

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42. Soil and water conservation, recreational facilities, uses; pollution abatement facilities loans.	Sec. 304 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1924.
43. Watershed protection and flood prevention program	Sec. 1–12 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1001–1008.
44. Water and Waste Facility Loans and Grants	Sec. 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1926.

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45. Food Stamp Program	The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 2011–2029.
46. Nutrition Assistance Program for Puerto Rico. This is the Block Grant signoff of the Food Stamp Program for Puerto Rico.	The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended; Sec. 19, 7 U.S.C. 2028.
47. Food Distribution (Food Donation Program). (Direct Distribution Program).	Sec. 32, Pub. L. 74–320, 49 Stat. 744 (7 U.S.C. 612c); Pub. L. 75–165, 50 Stat. 323 (15 U.S.C. 713c); secs. 6, 9, 60 Stat. 231, 233, Pub. L. 79–396 (42 U.S.C. 1755, 1758); sec. 416, Pub. L. 81–439, 63 Stat. 1058 (7 U.S.C. 1431); sec. 402, Pub. L. 91–665, 68 Stat. 843 (22 U.S.C. 1922); sec. 210, Pub. L. 84–540, 70 Stat. 202 (7 U.S.C. 1859); sec. 9, Pub. L. 85–931, 72 Stat. 1792 (7 U.S.C. 1431b); Pub. L. 86–756, 74 Stat. 899 (7 U.S.C. 1431 note); sec. 709, Pub. L. 89–321, 79 Stat. 1212 (7 U.S.C. 1446a–1); sec. 3, Pub. L. 90–302, 82 Stat. 117 (42 U.S.C. 1761); secs. 409, 410, Pub. L. 93–288, 88 Stat. 157 (42 U.S.C. 5179, 5189); sec. 2, Pub. L. 93–326, 88 Stat. 286 (42 U.S.C. 1762a); sec. 16, Pub. L. 94–105, 89 Stat. 522 (42 U.S.C. 1766); sec. 1304(a), Pub. L. 95–113, 91 Stat. 980 (7 U.S.C. 612 note); sec. 311, Pub. L. 95–478, 92 Stat. 1533 (42 U.S.C. 3030a); sec. 10, Pub. L. 95–627, 92 Stat. 3623 (42 U.S.C. 1760); Pub. L. 98–8, 97 Stat. 35 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); (5 U.S.C. 301).
48. Food Distribution Program Commodities on Indian Reservations.	The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, Section 4(b), 7 U.S.C. 2013(b).
49. National School Lunch Program	National School Lunch Act, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1751–1760.
50. Special Milk Program for Children (School Milk Program)	Child Nutrition Act of 1966, Sec. 3, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1772.
51. School Breakfast Program	Child Nutrition Act of 1966, Sec. 4, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1773.
52. Summer Food Service Program for Children	National School Lunch Act, Sec. 13, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1761.
53. Child Care Food Program	National School Lunch Act, Sec. 17, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1766.
54. Nutrition Education and Training Program	Child Nutrition Act of 1966, Sec. 19, 42 U.S.C. 1788.
55. Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children.	Child Nutrition Act of 1966, Sec. 17, 42 U.S.C. 1786.
56. Commodity Supplemental Food Program.	Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 612c note.
57. Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program	Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 612c note.
58. State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	Child Nutrition Act of 1966, Sec. 7, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1776.
59. Nutrition Assistance Program for the Commonwealth of the North Mariana Islands. (This is the Block Grant spin-off of the Food Stamp Program for CNMI).	Trust Territory of the Pacific Island, 48 U.S.C. 1681 note.

Administered by Forest Service

60. Permits for use of National Forests and National Grasslands by other than individuals at a nominal or no charge.	Act of June 4, 1897, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 551; Sec. 501 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1761; Term Permit Act of March 4, 1915, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 4971, Secs. 3 and 4 of the American Antiquities Act of June 8, 1906, 16 U.S.C. 432; Sec. 32 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1011.
61. Youth Conservation Corps	Act of August 13, 1970, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1701–1706. Note: This is a Federally financed and conducted program on National Forest land providing summer employment to teenage youth doing conservation work while learning about their natural environment and heritage. Recruitment of recipient youth is without regard to economic, social or racial classification. Policy requires that random selection from the qualified applicant pool be made in a public forum.

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62. Job Corps	29 U.S.C. 1691–1701. Note: This is a Federally financed and conducted program providing education and skills training to young men and women. The U.S. Department of Labor is entirely responsible for recruiting of recipient youth.
63. Permits for disposal of common varieties of mineral material from lands under the Forest Service jurisdiction for use by other individuals at a nominal or no charge.	Secs. 1–4 of the Act of July 31, 1947, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 601–603, 611.
64. Use of Federal land for airports	Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 2202, 2215. National Forest lands are exempt, Sec. 2215(c).
65. Conveyance of land to States or political subdivisions for widening highways, streets and alleys.	Act of October 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1089. Forest Road and Trail Act, codified at 16 U.S.C. 532–538.
66. Payment of 25 percent of National Forest receipts to States for schools and roads.	Act of May 23, 1908, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 500.
67. Payment to Minnesota from National Forest receipts of a sum based on a formula.	Sec. 5 of the Act of June 22, 1948, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 577 g–l.
68. Payment of 25 percent of net revenues from Title III, Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act lands to Counties for school and road purposes.	Sec. 33 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 1012.
69. Cooperative action to protect, develop, manage and utilize forest resources on State and private lands.	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1976, 16 U.S.C. 2101–2111.
70. Advance of funds for cooperative research	Sec. 20 of the Granger-Thye Act of April 24, 1950, 16 U.S.C. 581–1.
71. Grants for support of scientific research	Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1600 <i>et seq.</i>
72. Research Cooperation	Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Planning Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C.
73. Grants to Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire for the purpose of assisting economically disadvantaged citizens over 55 years of age.	Older American Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3056.
74. Senior Community Service Employment, develop, manage and utilize forest resources on State and private lands.	Older American Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3056.
75. Cooperative Law Enforcement	16 U.S.C. 551a and 553.
76. Forest Utilization and Marketing	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–313, 16 U.S.C. 1606, 2101–2111.
77. Fire prevention and suppression	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–313, Sec. 7, 16 U.S.C. 2106.
78. Assistance to States for tree planting	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–313, Secs. 3, 6, 16 U.S.C. 2102, 2105.
79. Technical assistance forest management	Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–313, Sec. 8, 16 U.S.C. 2107.
80. Extramural Research (Cooperative Agreements and Grants).	Range Renewable Resources Act of 1978; Rangeland and Latest Renewable Resources Research Act; 16 U.S.C. 1641–1647.
Administered by Food Safety and Inspection Service	
81. Federal-State Cooperative Agreements and Talmadge-Aiken Agreements.	Federal Meat Inspection Act; 21 U.S.C. 601 <i>et seq.</i> Talmadge-Aiken Act; 7 U.S.C. 450. Poultry Products Inspection Act; 21 U.S.C. 451 <i>et seq.</i>
Administered by Office of International Cooperation and Development	
82. Technical Assistance	7 U.S.C. 3291; 22 U.S.C. 2357; 22 U.S.C. 2392.
83. International Training	7 U.S.C. 3291; 22 U.S.C. 2357; 22 U.S.C. 2392.
84. Scientific and Technical Exchanges	7 U.S.C. 3291.
85. International Research	7 U.S.C. 3291.
Administered by Soil Conservation Service	
86. Conservation Technical Assistance to Landusers	Sec. 1–6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, 16 U.S.C. 590a–590f, 590g.
87. Plant Materials Conservation	Soil Conservation Act of 1935, Pub. L. 74–46; 49 Stat. 163, 16 U.S.C. 590(a–f).
88. Technical and financial assistance in Watershed Protection and flood prevention.	Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1001–1005, 1007–1008; Flood Control Act, as amended and supplemented; 33 U.S.C. 701; 16 U.S.C. 1606(a) and Sec. 403–405 of the Agriculture Credit Act of 1978; 16 U.S.C. 2203–2205. Flood Prevention: Pub. L. 78–534; 58 Stat. 905; 33 U.S.C. 701(b)(1); Pub. L. 81–516.
89. Technical and financial assistance in Watershed Protection and flood prevention.	Emergency Operation (216); 68 Stat. 184; 33 U.S.C. 701(b)(1). Watershed Operation: Pub. L. 83–566; 68 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 1001 <i>et seq.</i>

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90. Soil Survey	Sec. 1-6 and 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 590a-590f, 590g.
91. Rural Abandoned Mine Program	Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Sec. 406; Pub. L. 95-87, 30 U.S.C. 1236, 91 Stat. 460.
92. Resource Conservation and Development	Soil Conservation Act of 1935; Pub. L. 74-46; Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act; Pub. L. 75-210, as amended, Pub. L. 89-796; Pub. L. 87-703; Pub. L. 91-343; Pub. L. 92-419; Pub. L. 97-98; 95 Stat. 1213; 16 U.S.C. 590a-590f, 590g.
93. Great Plains Conservation	Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, Pub. L. 74-46, as amended by the Great Plains Act of August 7, 1956; Pub. L. 84-1021, Pub. L. 86-793 approved September 14, 1980. Pub. L. 91-118 approved November 1, 1969; Pub. L. 96-263 approved June 6, 1980; 16 U.S.C. 590a-590f, 590g.

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Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—Rules of Practice and Procedure for Hearings, Decisions and Administrative Review Under the Civil Rights Act of 1964

AUTHORITY: Sec. 602, 78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 2000d-1; sec. 15.9(d) of subpart A to 7 CFR, part 15, and laws referred to in the appendix to subpart A, part 15, title 7 CFR.

SOURCE: 30 FR 14355, Nov. 17, 1965, unless otherwise noted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

§ 15.60 Scope of rules.

The rules of practice and procedure in this subpart supplement §§15.9 and 15.10 of subpart A of this part and govern the practice for hearings, decisions, and administrative review conducted by the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 602 (78 Stat. 252) and this part, title 7, CFR, except these rules shall not apply to any stage of a proceeding which has occurred prior to the effective date hereof.

§ 15.61 Records to be public.

All documents and papers filed in any proceeding under this part may be inspected and copied in the Office of the Department Hearing Clerk.

§ 15.62 Definitions.

All terms used in this subpart shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning as defined in subpart A of this part.

§ 15.63 Computation of time.

A period of time begins with the day following the act or event and includes the last day of the period, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday observed in the District of Columbia, in which case it shall be the following workday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than 7 days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded from the computation.

§ 15.64 Parties.

The term *party* shall include an applicant or recipient with respect to whom the agency has issued a notice of hearing or opportunity to request a hearing in accordance with subpart A of this part and §15.81. The agency shall be deemed a party to all proceedings.

§ 15.65 Appearance.

Any party may appear in person or by counsel or authorized representative and participate fully in any proceeding.

§ 15.66 Complainants not parties.

A person submitting a complaint pursuant to §15.6 is not a party to the proceedings governed by this subpart, but may petition, after proceedings have been commenced, to become an intervener.

§ 15.67 Intervener.

Any interested person or organization may file a petition to intervene which will include a statement of position and a statement of what petitioner expects to contribute to the hearing, and a copy of the petition will