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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 283.1 Meaning of words.**

As used in this part, words in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may require.

**§ 283.2 Scope and applicability.**

The rules of practice in this part, shall be applicable to appeals by State agencies of Food and Nutrition Service quality control (QC) claims for Fiscal Year (“FY”) 1986 and subsequent fiscal years pursuant to sections 14(a) and 16(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2023(a) and 2025(c).

**§ 283.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part, the terms as defined in the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2011–2032 (“Act”), and in the regulations, standards, instructions or orders issued thereunder, shall apply with equal force and effect. In addition, and except as may be provided otherwise in this section:

*Administrator* means the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”).

*ALJ* means any Administrative Law Judge in USDA appointed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3105 or detailed to the USDA pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3344 and assigned to the appeal.

*Appeal* means the appeal to the ALJ.

*Ex parte communication* means an oral or written communication not on the public record with respect to which reasonable prior notice to all parties is not given, but it shall not include procedural matters.

*Filing*. A pleading or other document allowed or required to be filed in accordance with this part shall be considered filed when postmarked, if mailed, or when received, if hand delivered.

*FNS* means the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

*Hearing* means that part of the appeal which involves the submission of evidence before the ALJ for the record in the appeal.

*Hearing Clerk* means the Hearing Clerk, USDA, Washington, DC 20250.

*Judicial Officer* means an official of the USDA delegated authority by the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to