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§ 8.2 Delegation of authority.

The Administrator of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture, may authorize the use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem in accordance with the regulations in this part.

§ 8.3 Definitions.

4-H Club Name and Emblem as used in this part means the emblem consisting of a green four-leaf clover with stem and the letter “H” in white or gold on each leaflet, or any insignia in colorable imitation thereof, or the words, “4-H Club,” “4-H Clubs” or any combination of these or other words or characters in colorable imitation thereof.

Cooperative Extension Service, as used in this part includes the entire Cooperative Extension System consisting of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture; the State Cooperative Extension Services; and the County Cooperative Extension Services.

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture as used in this part means the Federal agency within the United States Department of Agriculture which administers Federal agricultural cooperative extension programs.

County Cooperative Extension Service as used in this part refers to a county Extension office or equivalent Extension office operating under a State Cooperative Extension Service.

State Cooperative Extension Service as used in this part means an organization established at the land-grant college or university under the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914, as amended (7 U.S.C. 341–349); section 209(b) of the Act of October 26, 1974, as amended (D.C. Code, through section 31–1719(b)); or section 1444 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3221).

§ 8.4 Basic premises.

(a) The 4-H Club Name and Emblem are held in trust by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States Department of Agriculture for the educational and character-building purposes of the 4-H program and can be used only as authorized by the statute and according to the authorization of the Secretary or designated representative.

(b) The 4-H Club Name and Emblem may be used by authorized representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Services, the land-grant institutions, and the National 4-H Council, according to these regulations, for serving the educational needs and interests of 4-H youth.

(c) Any use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem is forbidden if it exploits the 4-H programs, its volunteer leaders or 4-H youth participants or the United States Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Services, or the land-grant institutions, or their employees.

(d) The 4-H Club Name and Emblem shall not be used to imply endorsement of commercial firms, products, or services.

§ 8.5 Revocation of present authorizations.

Effective September 16, 1985, authorization permits for the use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem presently in effect will be revoked. However, such authorizations may be renewed upon written request.

§ 8.6 Authorization for use.

(a) The Administrator of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service may grant authorization for use of the 4-H Club Name and Emblem:

(1) For educational or informational uses which the Cooperative Extension Service deems to be in the best interests of the 4-H program and which can