§ 2.55 Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Pursuant to §2.19(a), subject to reservations in §2.19(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services to the Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

§ 2.57 Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to §2.19(a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5), subject to reservations in §2.91(b), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services to the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service:

(1) Administer the following legislation:


(2) Administer those functions relating to the distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof under the following legislation:

(i) Clause (3) of section 416(a) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431(a)), except the estimate and announcement of the types and varieties of food commodities, and the quantities thereof, to become available for distribution thereunder;
(ii) Section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1446a–1);
(iv) Section 9 of the Act of September 6, 1958 (7 U.S.C. 1431b);
(v) Section 210 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1859), except with respect to donations to Federal penal and correctional institutions;
(vi) [Reserved]
(vii) Section 311 of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3030a);
(viii) Sections 412 and 413(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5179, 5180(b));
(ix) Sections 4 and 5 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended (7 U.S.C. 612c note);
(x) Section 1114 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1431e);
(xi) Section 1336 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Pub. L. No. 97–98);
(xii) Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 612c note);
(xiii) Sections 3(b)–(i), 3A and 4 of the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); and

(3) Administer those functions relating to the distribution of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits under section 412 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5179).

(4) In connection with the functions assigned in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) of this section, relating to the distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof and supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to eligible recipients, authority to determine the requirements for such agricultural commodities and products thereof and supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to be so distributed.

(5) Receive donation of food commodities under clause (3) of section 416(a) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, section 709 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965, as amended, section 5 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, section 1114(a) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, and section 202(a) and 202A of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983.

(6) Authorize defense emergency supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits.

(7) Develop and implement USDA policy and procedural guidelines for carrying out the Department’s Consumer Affairs Plan.

(8) Advise the Secretary and other policy level officials of the Department on consumer affairs policies and programs.

(9) Coordinate USDA consumer affairs activities and monitor and analyze agency procedures and performance.

(10) Represent the Department at conferences, meetings and other contacts where consumer affairs issues are discussed, including liaison with the White House and other governmental agencies and departments.

(11) Work with the Office of Budget and Program Analysis and the Office of Communications to ensure coordination of USDA consumer affairs and public participation programs, policies and information, and to prevent duplication of responsibilities.

(12) Serve as a consumer ombudsman and communication link between consumers and the Department.

(13) Approve the designation of agency Consumer Affairs Contacts.

(14) Administer those functions under title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612) relating to the eligibility of aliens for benefits under the domestic food assistance programs.

(b) [Reserved]