138–138i) with respect to laboratories accredited only for pesticide residue analysis in meat and poultry products.

(6) Administer and conduct a food safety research program (7 U.S.C. 427).

(7) Coordinate with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service the administration of programs relating to human pathogen reduction (such as salmonella enteritidis) pursuant to section 2 of the Act of February 2, 1903, as amended (21 U.S.C. 111), and sections 4 and 5 of the Act of May 29, 1884, as amended (21 U.S.C. 120).

(8) Enter into contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements to further research programs in the agricultural sciences (7 U.S.C. 3318).

(9) Conduct an education program regarding the availability and safety of processes and treatments that eliminate or substantially reduce the level of pathogens on meat, meat food products, poultry, and poultry products (21 U.S.C. 679b).

(b) [Reserved]


Subpart I—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

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

Pursuant to §2.19(a), subject to reservations in §2.19(b), 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:

(i) Administer the following legislation:


(b) Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751–1769i), except procurement of agricultural commodities and other foods under section 6 thereof.


(g) Section 4403 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 3171 note).

(h) Section 4404 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161).


(m) Section 4307 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2 U.S.C. 7517).

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

(a) 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 1966 (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. 1431a–1);

(xi) Section 1336 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Pub. L. No. 97–98); and


(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]