(xv) Assist the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs with respect to Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting (7 U.S.C. 1637–1637b).

(xvi) Include in each issuance of projections of net farm income an estimate of the net farm income earned by commercial producers in the United States that will in addition show the estimate of net farm income attributable to commercial producers of livestock, loan commodities, and agricultural commodities other than loan commodities (7 U.S.C. 7998).

(xvii) Ensure that studies carried out by the Economic Research Service document the number, location, and economic contributions of socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in agricultural production (7 U.S.C. 2279(h)).

(9) Related to immigration. Serve as the designee of the Secretary pursuant to Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1182(e) and 22 CFR 41.63(2)(3).


(ii) Recommend actions and policies that enable USDA agencies under his or her authority to comply with the intent, purposes, and standards of environmental laws for pollution prevention, control, and abatement.

(iii) Consult with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other appropriate Federal agencies in developing pollution prevention, control, and abatement policies and programs relating to agencies under his or her authority.

(iv) Serve as a USDA Environmental Executive responsible for coordinating waste prevention; recycling; and the procurement, acquisition, and use of recycled products and environmentally preferable products, including biobased products, and services pursuant to Executive Order 13101 (dual assignment with the Assistant Secretary for Administration).

(11) Related to scientific integrity. (i) Provide to the Secretary information on topics that can benefit from scientific input to ensure informed decision-making at the highest levels of Government.

(ii) Facilitate the coordination and collaboration within the Department on high priority science issues that will benefit from intra-Departmental collaboration, including coordinating the assessment of the relevance, quality, performance, and impact of the Department’s efforts in science.

(iii) Build partnerships within the scientific community by serving as a point of contact for interactions with other agencies of science, universities, and other external members of the scientific community for the purpose of leveraging and promoting relationships to explore common scientific interests and shared goals.

(iv) Develop mechanisms to address scientific integrity within the Department.

(v) Serve as Chair of the USDA Science Council.

(12) Related to coordination of agricultural research, education, and extension programs and activities. Coordinate the agricultural research, education, and extension activities of the Department pursuant to sections 251(c)(2) and 251(d)(2) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6971(c)(2), (d)(2)).

(b) The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(1) Related to science and education.

(i)–(iii) [Reserved]

(iv) Final concurrence in Equal Employment Opportunity Programs within the cooperative extension programs submitted under part 18 of this title.

(2) Related to economic research and statistical reporting.

(i) Final approval and issuance of the month crop report (7 U.S.C. 411a).

(ii) Final action on rules and regulations for the agricultural statistics board.

§ 2.22 Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

(a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary to the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs:
(1) Related to agricultural marketing. (i) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), including payments to State Departments of Agriculture in connection with cooperative marketing service projects under section 204(b) (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), but excepting matters otherwise assigned.  

(ii) Conduct marketing efficiency research and development activities directly applicable to the conduct of the Wholesale Market Development Program, specifically:  

(A) Studies of facilities and methods used in physical distribution of food and other farm products;  

(B) Studies designed to improve handling of all agricultural products as they are moved from farms to consumers; and  

(C) Application of presently available scientific knowledge to the solution of practical problems encountered in the marketing of agricultural products (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627).  

(iii) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to the transportation activities contained in section 203(j) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(j)) as amended, but excepting matters otherwise assigned.  

(iv) Administer transportation activities under section 201 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1291).  

(v) Apply results of economic research and operations analysis to evaluate transportation issues and to recommend revisions of current procedures.  

(vi) Serve as the focal point for all Department transportation matters including development of policies and strategies.  

(vii) Cooperate with other Departmental agencies in the development and recommendation of policies for inland transportation of USDA and CCC-owned commodities in connection with USDA programs.  

(viii) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to the following legislation:  

(A) U.S. Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51–65);  

(B) Cotton futures provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 4854, 4862–4865, 4876, and 7263);  

(C) Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 471–476), except as otherwise assigned;  

(D) Naval Stores Act (7 U.S.C. 91–99);  

(E) Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511–511q);  

(F) Wool Standard Act (7 U.S.C. 415b–415d);  

(G) Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 301, 602, 608a–608e, 610, 612, 614, 624, 671–674);  

(H) Cotton Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2101–2118), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in §2.16(a)(3)(x);  

(I) Export Apple and Pear Act (7 U.S.C. 581–590);  

(J) Export Grape and Plum Act (7 U.S.C. 591–599);  

(K) Titles I, II, IV, and V of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1551–1575, 1591–1611);  

(L) Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (7 U.S.C. 499a–499s);  

(M) Produce Agency Act (7 U.S.C. 491–497);  

(N) Tobacco Seed and Plant Exportation Act (7 U.S.C. 516–517);  

(O) Tobacco Statistics Act (7 U.S.C. 501–508);  

(P) Section 401(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 415e);  

(Q) Agricultural Fair Practices Act (7 U.S.C. 2301–2306);  

(R) Wheat Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 1292 note), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in §2.16(a)(3)(x);  


(T) Subtitle B of title I and section 301(4) of the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1993 (7 U.S.C. 4501–4513, 4514(4)), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in §2.16(a)(3)(x);  

(U) Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2611–2627), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm
and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(V) [Reserved]

(W) Egg Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 2701–2718), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(X) Beef Research and Information Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2901–2918), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in §§ 2.16(a)(1)(xiv) and (a)(3)(x);

(Y) Wheat and Wheat Foods Research and Nutrition Education Act (7 U.S.C. 3401–3417), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(Z) Egg Products Inspection Act relating to the Shell Egg Surveillance Program, voluntary laboratory analyses of egg products, and the Voluntary Egg Grading Program (21 U.S.C. 1001–1056);

(AA) Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), as supplemented by the Act of June 28, 1937 (15 U.S.C. 713c), and related legislation, except functions which are otherwise assigned relating to the domestic distribution and donation of agricultural commodities and products thereof following the procurement thereof;

(BB) Procurement of agricultural commodities and other foods under section 6 of the National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755);

(CC) In carrying out the procurement functions in paragraphs (a)(1)(viii)(AA) and (BB) of this section, the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs shall, to the extent practicable, use the commodity procurement, handling, payment and related services of the Farm Service Agency;

(DD) Act of May 23, 1980, regarding inspection of dairy products for export (21 U.S.C. 695);

(EE) The Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 4801–4819), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(FF) The Watermelon Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 4901–4916), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(GG) The Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4601–4612), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);


(I) The Floral Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4301–4319), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(JJ) Section 213 of the Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983, as amended (7 U.S.C. 511r);

(KK) National Laboratory Accreditation Program (7 U.S.C. 138–138i) with respect to laboratories accredited for pesticide residue analysis in fruits and vegetables and other agricultural commodities, except those laboratories analyzing only meat and poultry products;

(LL) Pecan Promotion and Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6001–6013), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(MM) Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6011–6012), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(NN) Lime Research, Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6201–6212), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(OO) Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6301–6311), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(PP) Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6401–6417), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services in § 2.16(a)(3)(x);

(QQ) Producer Research and Promotion Board Accountability (104 Stat. 3927);
(RR) Consistency with International Obligations of the United States (7 U.S.C. 2278);
(SS) Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6501–6522), provided that the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, will enter into agreements, as necessary, with the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, to provide inspection services;
(TT) Pesticide Recordkeeping (7 U.S.C. 136i–1) with the provision that the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, will enter into agreements, as necessary, with other Federal agencies;
(UU) The International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act (7 U.S.C. 4401–4406);
(DD) National Organic Certification Cost–Share Program (7 U.S.C. 6523);
(EEE) Exemption of Certified Organic Products from Assessment (7 U.S.C. 7401);
(GGG) Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7801–7813);
(HHH) Exemption of Certified Organic Products from Assessment (7 U.S.C. 7401);
(III) Livestock Mandatory Reporting (7 U.S.C. 1635–1636);
(JJJ) Section 375 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008j).
(ix) Furnish, on request, copies of programs, pamphlets, reports, or other publications for missions or programs as may otherwise be delegated or assigned to the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and charge user fees therefor, as authorized by section 1121 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, as amended by section 1769 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2242a.
(x) Collect, summarize, and publish data on the production, distribution, and stocks of sugar.
(xi) Administer a program for Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting (7 U.S.C. 1637–1637b), with the assistance of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.
(xii) Assist the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services with implementing section 3205 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (22 U.S.C. 7112 note) regarding the Consultative Group to Eliminate the Use of Child Labor and Forced Labor in Imported Agricultural Products.

(2) Related to animal and plant health inspection. Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture under the following authorities:

(i) Administer the Foreign Service personnel system for employees of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 3922, except that this delegation does not include the authority to represent the Department of Agriculture in interagency consultations and negotiations with other foreign affairs agencies regarding joint regulations, nor the authority to approve joint regulations issued by the Department of State relating to administration of the Foreign Service;

(ii) The Terminal Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 166);

(iii) The Honeybee Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 281–286);

(iv) Section 18 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, as it pertains to the issuance of certificates of condition of live animals intended and offered for export (21 U.S.C. 618);

(v) The responsibilities of the United States under the International Plant Protection Convention;

(vi) (Laboratory) Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2131–2159);

(vii) Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1821–1831);

(viii) 28 Hour Law, as amended (49 U.S.C. 80502);

(ix) Export Animal Accommodation Act, as amended (46 U.S.C. 3901–3902);

(x) Purebred Animal Duty Free Entry Provisions of Tariff Act of June 17, 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1202, part 1, Item 100.01);


(xii) Conduct diagnostic and related activities necessary to prevent, detect, control or eradicate foot-and-mouth disease and other foreign animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 113a);

(xiii) The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, sections 203, 205, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624), with respect to voluntary inspection and certification of animal products; inspection, testing, treatment, and certification of animals; and a program to investigate and develop solutions to the problems resulting from the use of sulfonamides in swine;

(xiv) Talmadge Aiken Act (7 U.S.C. 450) with respect to cooperation with States in control and eradication of plant and animal diseases and pests;


(xvii) Executive Order 11987, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 116;

(xviii) Section 101(d), Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 430);

(xix) The Swine Health Protection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3801–3813);

(xx) Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3371–3378);

(xxi) Title III (and title IV to the extent that it relates to activities under title III,) of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1581–1610);

(xxii) Authority to prescribe the amounts of commuted traveltime allowances and the circumstances under which such allowances may be paid to employees covered by the Act of August 28, 1950 (7 U.S.C. 2260);

(xxiii) The Act of March 2, 1931 (7 U.S.C. 426–426d);

(xxiv) The Act of December 22, 1987 (7 U.S.C. 426c);

(xxv) Authority to work with developed and transitional countries on agricultural and related research and extension, with respect to animal and plant health, including providing technical assistance, training, and advice to persons from such countries engaged in such activities and the stationing of scientists of national and international institutions in such countries (7 U.S.C. 3291(a)(3));


(xxvii) The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 156;
(xviii) Enter into cooperative research and development agreements with industry, universities, and others; institute a cash award program to reward scientific, engineering, and technical personnel; award royalties to inventors; and retain and use royalty income (15 U.S.C. 3710a–3710c); and


(XXXV) The responsibilities of the United States related to activities of the Office of International des Epizooties.

(XXXVI) Implement the information disclosure authorities of section 1619(b)(3)(A) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8791(b)(3)(A)).

(XXXVII) Section 7524 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (21 U.S.C. 113a note), except for the suspension, revocation, or other impairment of a permit issued under that section.


(3) Related to grain inspection, packers and stockyards. (I) Exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the U.S. Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71–87h).
with respect to biotechnology matters affecting egg products, the Assistant Secretary shall consult and coordinate activities of Department agencies with the Under Secretary for Food Safety.

(7) Related to environmental response. With respect to land and facilities under his or her authority, exercise the functions delegated to the Secretary by Executive Order 12580, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193, under the following provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("the Act"), as amended:

(i) Sections 104(a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(a), (b), and (c)(4)), with respect to removal and remedial actions in the event of release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment;

(ii) Sections 104(e)–(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(e)–(h)), with respect to information gathering and access requests and orders; compliance with Federal health and safety standards and wage and labor standards applicable to covered work; and emergency procurement powers;

(iii) Section 104(i)(11) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(11)), with respect to the reduction of exposure to significant risk to human health;

(iv) Section 104(j) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(j)), with respect to the acquisition of real property and interests in real property required to conduct a remedial action;

(v) The first two sentences of section 105(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(d)), with respect to petitions for preliminary assessment of a release or threatened release;

(vi) Section 105(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(f)), with respect to consideration of the availability of qualified minority firms in awarding contracts, but excluding that portion of section 105(f) pertaining to the annual report to Congress;

(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations of section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), and the granting of awards to individuals providing information;

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund;

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action and identifying and notifying potentially responsible parties;

(x) Section 116(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9616(a)), with respect to preliminary assessment and site inspection of facilities;

(xi) Sections 117(a) and (c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9617(a) and (c)), with respect to public participation in the preparation of any plan for remedial action and explanation of variances from the final remedial action plan for any remedial action or enforcement action, including any settlement or consent decree entered into;

(xii) Section 119 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9119), with respect to indemnifying response action contractors;

(xiii) Section 121 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9621), with respect to cleanup standards; and

(xiv) Section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), with respect to settlements, but excluding section 122(b)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622(b)(1)), related to mixed funding agreements.

(8) Related to compliance with environmental laws. With respect to facilities and activities under his or her authority, to exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 1–102 related to compliance with applicable pollution control standards and section 1–601 of Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243, to enter into an inter-agency agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or an administrative consent order or a consent judgment in an appropriate State, interstate, or local agency, containing a plan and schedule to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable pollution control standards established pursuant to the following:

(i) Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as further amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, and the Federal Facility Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.);
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(ii) Federal Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);

(iii) Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.);

(iv) Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.);

(v) Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4901 et seq.);

(vi) Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);

(vii) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.); and


(9) Related to the Capper-Volstead Act. Serve as a member of the Capper-Volstead Act Committee to identify cases of undue price enhancement by associations of producers and issue complaints requiring such associations to show cause why an order should not be made directing them to cease and desist from monopolization or restraint of trade (7 U.S.C. 292).


(ii) Recommend actions and policies that enable USDA agencies under his or her authority to comply with the intent, purposes, and standards of environmental laws for pollution prevention, control, and abatement.

(iii) Consult with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other appropriate Federal agencies in developing pollution prevention, control, and abatement policies and programs relating to agencies under his or her authority.

(b) The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(1) Relating to agricultural marketing.

(i) Promulgation, with the Secretary of the Treasury of joint regulations under section 402(b) of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1592(b)).

(ii) Appoint members of the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board established by section 113(b) of the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4504(b)).

(iii) Appoint members of the National Processor Advertising and Promotion Board established by section 1999H(b)(4) of the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6407(b)).

(iv) Appoint members of the Cotton Board established by section 7(a) of the Cotton Research and Promotion Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2106(a));

(v) Appoint members of the Egg Board established by section 8(a) of the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 2707(a));

(vi) Appoint members of the Floraboard established by section 1707(1) of the Floral Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4306(l));

(vii) Appoint members of the Honey Board established by section 7(c)(1) of the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 4606(c));

(viii) Appoint members of the Lime Board established by section 1955(b)(2) of the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6204(b));

(x) Appoint members of the Pecan Marketing Board established by section 1910(b)(8)(E) of the Pecan Promotion and Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6005(b));

(xi) Appoint members of the National Potato Promotion Board established by section 308(a)(4) of the Potato Research and Promotion Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 2617(a));

(xii) Appoint members of the National Watermelon Promotion Board established by section 1647(c) of the Watermelon Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 4906(c));

(xiii) Appoint members of the PromoFlor Council established by section 5(b) of the Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Act of 1993 (7 U.S.C. 6804(b));

(xiv) Appoint members of the National Kiwifruit Board established by section 555(c)(1) of the National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7464(c));
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(a) * * *

(ii) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional matters in the Department.

(ii) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative Matters of concern to the Department.

(2) Related to animal and plant health inspection. (i) Determination that an emergency or extraordinary emergency exists under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8306, 8316).

(ii) Determination that an emergency or extraordinary emergency exists under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7715, 7772).

(iii) Approval of requests for apportionment of reserves for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, and animal diseases to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions (31 U.S.C. 1512).


EDITORIAL NOTE: At 70 FR 55706, Sept. 23, 2005, the Department of Agriculture published a document in the Federal Register, attempting to amend §2.22, by revising paragraph (a)(2)(xxxii). However, because of inaccurate amendatory language, this amendment could not be incorporated. For the convenience of the user, the language at 70 FR 55706 is set forth as follows:

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§ 2.23 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

(a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations:

(1) Related to congressional affairs. (i) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional matters in the Department.

(ii) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative Matters of concern to the Department.

(2) Related to intergovernmental affairs. (i) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs including State and local government relations and liaison with:

(A) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture;

(B) Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Vice President);

(C) Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;

(D) Council of State Governments;

(E) National Governors Conference;

(F) National Association of Counties;

(G) National League of Cities;