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§ 1484.72 How is program effectiveness measured?

(a) The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (5 U.S.C. 351) requires agencies to establish goals, measure performance, and report results. The Act applies to all Federal agencies, including FAS. FAS must report results under GPRA in a format that is consistent with the format required for Federal agencies. The format required under GPRA is established by OMB Circular No. A-11. The format is designed to provide a clear and concise summary of results in a form that is easily understood by the public. The format includes a statement of performance goals, a description of the performance measures used, and a description of the results achieved. The results are reported in the Federal Register and on the FAS website. The format also includes a statement of future plans and objectives.

(b) FAS will report results under GPRA in a format that is consistent with the format required for Federal agencies. The format is designed to provide a clear and concise summary of results in a form that is easily understood by the public. The format includes a statement of performance goals, a description of the performance measures used, and a description of the results achieved. The results are reported in the Federal Register and on the FAS website. The format also includes a statement of future plans and objectives.

Subpart E—Reporting, Evaluation, and Compliance

§ 1484.70 Must Cooperators report to FAS?

(a) End-of-year contribution report. Not later than January 31 of the year following the completion of the marketing plan year, a Cooperator shall submit two copies of a report which identifies contributions made by the Cooperator and the U.S. industry during that marketing plan year. A suggested format of a contribution report is available on the FAS home page (http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/programs/fnotice.html) on the Internet or from the Director, Marketing Operations Staff, FAS, USDA.

(b) Trip reports. Not later than 45 days after completion of travel (other than local travel), a Cooperator shall submit a trip report. The report must include the name(s) of the traveler(s), purpose of travel, itinerary, names and affiliations of contacts, and a brief summary of findings, conclusions, recommendations, or specific accomplishments.

(c) Research reports. Not later than 6 months after the end of its marketing plan year, a Cooperator shall submit a report on any research conducted in accordance with its application.

(d) Submission of reports. A Cooperator shall submit the reports required by this section to the appropriate Division Director. Trip reports and research reports shall also be submitted to the appropriate Attache/Counselor(s). All reports shall be in English and include the Cooperator’s agreement number, the countries and period covered, and the date of the report.

(e) Additional reports. FAS may require the submission of additional reports.

(f) Independent audit reports. A Cooperator shall provide to the FAS Compliance Review Staff, upon request, any audit reports by independent public accountants.

§ 1484.71 Are Cooperator documents subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act?

(a) Documents submitted to FAS by Cooperators are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, 7 CFR part 1, Subpart A—Official Records, and, specifically, 7 CFR 1.11—Handling Information from a Private Business.

(b) If requested by a person located in the United States, a Cooperator shall provide to such person a copy of any document in its possession or control containing market information developed and produced under the terms of its agreement. The Cooperator may charge a fee not to exceed the costs for assembling, duplicating, and distributing the materials.

(c) The results of any research conducted by a Cooperator under an agreement shall be the property of the U.S. Government.