with other Federal agencies, foreign
governments, industry, and inter-
national organizations, such as the
Food and Agriculture Organization of
the United Nations, with regard to
APHIS activities in foreign countries.

(5) Developing and maintaining sys-
tems for observing the effects of plant
and animal diseases in foreign coun-
tries and evaluating their effect on the
agriculture industry.

(6) Developing and directing pro-
grams to enhance the trade in U.S.
plants, animals, and their products in
compliance with established inter-
national sanitary and phytosanitary
standards.

(7) Providing recommendations for
policy and program changes, and pro-
mulgating requirements, procedures,
and guidelines for the conduct of field
activities relating to IS programs.

§ 371.9 Policy and Program Develop-
ment.

(a) General statement. Policy and Pro-
gram Development (PPD) provides ana-
lytical support for agency decisions
and plans.

(b) Director of PPD. The Director of
PPD is responsible for:

(1) Participating with the Adminis-
trator of APHIS and other officials in
the planning and formulation of APHIS
policies, programs, and activities.

(2) Providing planning and evalua-
tions; regulations development; and
policy, risk, and economic analysis for
APHIS programs.

(3) Analyzing the environmental ef-
tects of APHIS programs to ensure
their compliance with environmental
laws and regulations and providing
support for pesticide registration and
drug approval.

(4) Coordinating registration of
chemicals and other substances used in
APHIS control and eradication pro-
grams.

§ 371.10 Legislative and Public Affairs.

(a) General statement. Legislative and
Public Affairs (LPA) is the commu-
nications arm of APHIS.

(b) Director of LPA. The Director of
LPA is responsible for:

(1) Advising and assisting the Admin-
istrator and other officials on matters
relating to agency legislative and
media affairs.

(2) Preparing legislative proposals for
APHIS programs and responsibilities.
Assisting in compiling support mate-
rial for agency witnesses for congress-
ional hearings. Preparing legislative
reports.

(3) Establishing and maintaining liai-
sion with Members of Congress, various
congressional committees and sub-
committees, and their staffs on mat-
ters pertaining to APHIS.

(4) Planning and conducting an infor-
mation program to promote interest in
and increase the public knowledge of
APHIS programs and activities.

(5) Drafting and administering policy
guidelines on press contacts, photog-
raphy, audiovisual activities, graphic
design, radio-TV, and policy/editorial/
graphics clearances for publications.
Planning and conducting a program to
explain APHIS policies in written form
to Members of Congress, State and In-
dustry leaders, officials of foreign gov-
ernments, and private citizens.

(6) Preparing replies to written in-
quiries and establishing and maintain-
ing a system for the control of written
inquiries referred by the Office of the
Secretary or sent directly to the agen-
cy.

(7) Assisting in the preparation of po-
sition papers regarding APHIS pro-
grams.

(8) Assisting in the preparation of di-
rectives, procedural manuals, articles
for publication, and agency correspond-
ence. Coordinating APHIS activities
within the scope of the Freedom of In-
formation Act and the Privacy Act.

§ 371.11 Delegations of authority.

(a) Associate Administrator. The Asso-
ciate Administrator is delegated the
authority to perform the duties and to
exercise the functions and powers that
are now, or that may become, vested in
the Administrator, including the power
of redelegation except where prohib-
ited, and including authority reserved
to the Administrator in §371.14 of this
part. The Associate Administrator is
also authorized to act for the Adminis-
trator in the absence of the Adminis-
trator.

(b) Deputy Administrators and Direc-
tors. The Deputy Administrators of