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of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) related to functions otherwise delegated to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, except for authorities delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in § 2.28(a)(29) and authorities reserved to the Secretary in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(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 crop and livestock reports.

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

(3) Approval of prize competitions that may result in the award of more than \$1,000,000 in cash prizes under section 24(m)(4)(B) of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719(m)(4)(B)).

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(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 *et seq.*), 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. 1621-1627b).

(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. 601, 602, 608a-608e, 610, 612, 614, 624, 671-674);

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(H) Cotton Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2101-2118), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(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 Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(S) Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2321-2331, 2351-2357, 2371-2372, 2401-2404, 2421-2427, 2441-2443, 2461-2463, 2481-2486, 2501-2504, 2531-2532, 2541-2545, 2561-2569, 2581-2583), except as delegated to the Judicial Officer;

(T) Subtitle B of title I and section 301(4) of the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4501-4513, 4514(4)), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(U) Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2611-2627), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(V) [Reserved]

(W) Egg Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 2701-2718), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(X) Beef Research and Information Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2901-2918), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §§2.26(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 Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(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. 1031-1056);

(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) [Reserved]

(DD) Act of May 23, 1980, regarding inspection of dairy products for export (21 U.S.C. 693);

(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 Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(FF) The Watermelon Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 4901-4916), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(GG) The Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4601-4612), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(x);

(HH) Subtitles B and C of the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983, as amended (7 U.S.C. 4501-4513, 4531-4538);

(II) The Floral Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4301-4319), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in §2.26(a)(1)(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

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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 Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x);

(MM) Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6101-6112), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(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 Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x);

(OO) Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6301-6311), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x);

(PP) Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6401-6417), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(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);

(VV) The Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7101-7111), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign

Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x); and

(WW) The Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6801-6814), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x).

(XX) Commodity Promotion and Evaluation (7 U.S.C. 7401);

(YY) The Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7411-7425), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x);

(ZZ) The Canola and Rapeseed Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7441-7452), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x);

(AAA) The National Kiwifruit Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7461-7473), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x);

(BBB) The Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7481-7491), except as delegated to the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs in § 2.26(a)(1)(x).

(CCC) Local Agriculture Market Program (7 U.S.C. 1627c), in coordination with the Under Secretary for Rural Development.

(DDD) [Reserved]

(EEE) Exemption of Certified Organic Products from Assessment (7 U.S.C. 7401).

(FFF) Country of Origin Labeling (7 U.S.C. 1638-1638(d)).

(GGG) Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7801-7813).

(HHH) Section 7407 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 5925c), with respect to the collection and distribution of comprehensive reporting of prices relating to organically produced agricultural products.

(III) Livestock Mandatory Reporting (7 U.S.C. 1635-1636i).

(JJJ) Section 375 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008j).

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(KKK) Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note).

(LLL) Section 1502 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8772).

(MMM) Section 12108 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 1622 note).

(NNN) Section 10105 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7655a).

(OOO) Section 10107 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 1622b).

(PPP) Section 4206 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7518).

(QQQ) Section 4213(c) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 1755b(c)).

(RRR) Section 12306 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 1632c).

(SSS) Section 506 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 7101 note).

(TTT) Section 12513 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 1632d).

(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) [Reserved]

(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 Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs 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.

(xiii) Assist the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics with implementing section 10016 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 regarding locally or regionally produced agricultural food products (7 U.S.C. 2204h).

(xiv) Administer the U.S. Warehouse Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 241–273), and perform compliance examinations for Agricultural Marketing Services programs.

(xv) Administer commodity procurement and supply, transportation (other than from point of export, except for movement to trust territories or possessions), handling, payment, and related services in connection with programs under titles II and III of Public Law 480 (7 U.S.C. 1691, 1701, *et seq.*) and section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), and payment and related services with respect to export programs and barter operations.

(xvi) Administer the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills program (7 U.S.C.

(xvii) In coordination with the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, administer payments under the Special Competitive Provisions for Extra Long Staple Cotton (7 U.S.C. 9038).

(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. 7760);

(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);
- (xi) Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151-159).
- (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. 1633) with respect to cooperation with States in control and eradication of plant and animal diseases and pests;
- (xv) The Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2801 note; 2814).
- (xvi) The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544);
- (xvii) Executive Order 11987, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 116;
- (xviii) Section 101(d), Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 398);
- (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. 8351-8352);
- (xxiv) The Act of December 22, 1987 (7 U.S.C. 8353);
- (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));
- (xxvi) Authority to prescribe and collect fees under the Act of August 31, 1951, as amended (31 U.S.C. 9701), and sections 2508 and 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (21 U.S.C. 136, 136a), as amended;
- (xxvii) The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 156;
- (xxviii) 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
- (xxix) The Alien Species Prevention and Enforcement Act of 1992 (39 U.S.C. 3015 note).
- (xxx) Sections 901-905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note).
- (xxxi) Plant Protection Act (Title IV, Pub. L. 106-224, 114 Stat. 438, 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772).
- (xxxii) Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301-8317).
- (xxxiii) Section 10504 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8318).
- (xxxiv) Title V of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 2279e and 2279f).
- (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.

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(xxxviii) Section 10202 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7761).

(xxxix) Section 10204 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 7701 note).

(xl) Section 14216 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–246).

(xli) Section 1672(g)(3) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925(g)(3)) regarding honey bee pest, pathogen, health, and population status surveillance.

(xlii) Section 12309 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 regarding produce represented as grown in the United States (19 U.S.C. 1304a).

(xliii) Section 11013 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8322).

(xliv) In coordination with the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, Section 2408 relating to the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program (7 U.S.C. 8351 note).

(xlv) Section 12203(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 relating to diseases and pests of concern (7 U.S.C. 8914(b)).

(xlvi) Section 12601 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 relating to baiting of migratory game birds (16 U.S.C. 704 note).

(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).

(ii) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), relating to inspection and standardization activities relating to grain.

(iii) Administer the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181–229).

(iv) Enforce provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1601–1655, 1681–1681t) with respect to any activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented.

(v) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1631).

(vi) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned to the Secretary in section 11006 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 228 note), with respect to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921.

(4) *Related to committee management.* Establish and reestablish regional, State, and local advisory committees for activities under his or her authority. This authority may not be redelegated.

(5) *Related to defense and emergency preparedness.* (i) Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 *et seq.*), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195 *et seq.*), concerning protection of livestock, poultry and crops and products thereof from biological and chemical warfare; and utilization or disposal of livestock and poultry exposed to radiation.

(ii) Title II, Subtitles B and C, of the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8401 note, 8401, 8411).

(6) *Related to biotechnology.* Coordinate the development and carrying out by Department agencies of all matters and functions pertaining to the Department's regulation of biotechnology, and act as liaison on all matters and functions pertaining to the regulation of biotechnology between agencies within the Department and between the Department and governmental and private organizations. Provided, that 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 re-

medial 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.*);

(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

(viii) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*).

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(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).

(10) *Related to hazardous materials management.* (i) Serve on the USDA Hazardous Materials Policy Council.

(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.

(11) Carry out prize competition authorities in section 24 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719) related to functions otherwise delegated to the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, except for authorities delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in § 2.28(a)(29) and authorities reserved to the Secretary in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

(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(1));

(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));

(ix) Appoint members of the Mushroom Council established by section 1925(b)(1)(B) of the Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6104(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));

(xv) Appoint members of Popcorn Board established by section 575(b)(1) of the Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7484(b));

(xvi) Appoint members of the Wheat Industry Council established by section 1706(a) of the Wheat and Wheat Foods

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Research and Nutrition Education Act (7 U.S.C. 3405(a));

(xvii) Appoint members of the Cattle-men's Beef Promotion and Research Board established by section 5(1) of the Beef Research and Information Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 2904(1));

(xviii) Appoint members of the National Pork Board established by section 1619(a)(1) of the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 4808(a));

(xix) Appoint members of the United Soybean Board established by section 1969(b)(1) of the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6304(b));

(xx) Appoint members of the National Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Board established by section 5(b) of the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7104(b)(1));

(xxi) Appoint members of the National Canola and Rapeseed Board established by section 535(b)(1) of the Canola and Rapeseed Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7444(b));

(xxii) Appoint members of boards established by section 515(b)(2)(A) of the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7414(b)).

(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).

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

(3) Approval of prize competitions that may result in the award of more than \$1,000,000 in cash prizes under section 24(m)(4)(B) of the Stevenson-

Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3719(m)(4)(B)).

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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;

(H) International City Managers Association;

(I) U.S. Conference of Mayors; and

(J) Such other State and Federal agencies, departments and organizations as are necessary in carrying out the responsibilities of this office.

(ii) Maintain oversight of the activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional councils.