

SUBCHAPTER D—GENERAL REGULATIONS

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§ 295.1 General statement.

This part is issued in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture at 7 CFR 1.1–1.23, and appendix A, implementing the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). The Secretary's regulations, as implemented by the regulations in this part, govern the availability of records of FNS to the public.

§ 295.2 Organizational description.

The description of the central and field organization of FNS is published as a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER and may be revised from time to time in like manner. Such description contains a listing of FNS headquarters and field organizational units and their functions.

§ 295.3 Informational and educational publications.

FNS publishes a wide variety of informational and educational periodicals, pamphlets, brochures, leaflets, guides, and educational aids explaining the operation of FNS food assistance programs. For more information concerning FNS publications and how to obtain them, write the Director, Public Information Staff, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302–1500.

§ 295.4 Program evaluation status reports.

FNS also publishes summaries of objectives and findings of completed studies and projects concerning evaluation of FNS food assistance programs. A copy of the current status report on completed studies may be obtained by writing the Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302–1500.

§ 295.5 Program statistical reports.

Current and historical information on FNS food assistance program size, monetary outlays, geographic distribution, racial and ethnic participation rates, and other data is published throughout the year. Limited supplies are available for public distribution upon request. Write the Director, Program Information Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302–1500.

§ 295.6 Public inspection and copying.

5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) requires that certain informational materials be made available for public inspection and copying. Such materials maintained by FNS may be inspected and copied during regular office hours (currently 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Interested parties may submit requests to the FNS Records Management Officer, Information Technology Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302–1500.

§ 295.7 Indexes.

5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) also requires an index of the materials required to be made available for public inspection and copying be published quarterly. Copies of this Index for FNS materials will be maintained for public inspection and copying during regular office hours in FNS Library, Room 810, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22302–1500. Free copies of the current index may be obtained by writing or visiting any of the FNS offices listed in the local telephone directory or those listed below:

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(a) Records Management Officer, Information Technology Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Va. 22302-1500.

(b) Director, Financial Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 300 Corporate Blvd., Mercer Corporate Park, Robbinsville, NJ 08691-1518.

(c) Director, Financial Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 77 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-3427.

(d) Director, Financial and Administrative Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507.

(e) Director, Financial Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas 75242-9980.

(f) Director, Financial Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 550 Kearney St., San Francisco, CA 94108-2518.

(g) Director, Financial Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1069.

(h) Director, Financial and Administrative Management, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 1244 Speer Blvd., Denver, CO 80204-3581.

§ 295.8 Requests.

(a) Requests for FNS program records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3) shall be made in accordance with USDA Administrative Regulations 7 CFR 1.6 and addressed to the appropriate FNS official listed below:

(1) Food Stamp program records—Requests for Food Stamp information should be addressed to the Director of the appropriate Division (Program Development Division, Benefit Redemption Division, or Program Accountability Division) at the following address: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA, 22302-1500.

(2) Child Nutrition Program records—Director, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302-1500.

(3) Food Distribution Program records—Director, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service,

USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302-1500.

(4) Supplemental Food Program records—Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302-1500.

(b) If the requester is unable to determine the official to whom his request should be addressed, he should address it to: Freedom of Information Act Officer, Information Technology Division, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. The Freedom of Information Act Officer will refer such requests to the appropriate official.

(c) The officials outlined in paragraph (a) are authorized to make determinations in accordance with USDA Administrative Regulations at 7 CFR 1.8.

§ 295.9 Appeals.

(a) Any person whose request for records is denied shall have the right to appeal that denial in accordance with USDA Administrative Regulations 7 CFR 1.13. All appeals shall be addressed to: Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302-1500.

(b) The following officials are delegated authority to make decisions on Freedom of Information Act appeals at the address above:

(1) Food Stamp program (general)—Deputy Administrator, Food Stamp Program;

(2) Food Stamp program (appeals on names of Food Stamp Investigators and Investigative aids)—Director, Benefit Redemption Division;

(3) Child Nutrition program—Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs;

(4) Food Distribution program—Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs;

(5) Supplemental Food program—Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs;

(6) Management offices—Deputy Administrator, Management;

(7) Financial Management offices—Deputy Administrator, Financial Management;

(8) Appeals not covered above—Associate Administrator, FNS.

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