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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in the Conference Room of William M. Mercer, Incorporated, 30th Floor, Conference Room 30C, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, on Monday, March 30, 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, Section 1242 (a)(1)(B).

We have determined as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), that the subject of the meeting falls with the exception to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such meeting be closed to public participation.

Dated: March 17, 1998.

Robert I. Brauer,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act: Revision of an Existing System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of revision of an existing system of records.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is giving notice of a revision to its Privacy Act System of Records entitled Claims Against Food Stamp Recipients—USDA/FNS-3.

DATES: This revision will become effective on May 11, 1998, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public. To be assured of consideration, comments must be received by the contact person listed below on or before April 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to James I. Porter, Assistant Branch Chief, State Administration Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food Stamp Program, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 905, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph M. Scordato, Food and Nutrition Service Privacy Act Officer, Room 308, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Telephone (703) 305-2244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act requires FNS to publish this Privacy Act Systems of Records Notice to inform the public that certain changes are being made to a system of records containing information on individuals against whom fiscal claims have been established under the Food Stamp Program and to request public comment.

Monetary claims are established against food stamp recipients and former recipients who owe debts due to certain errors or infractions of Food Stamp Program rules. State and Federal Government offices seek collections for these debts through recoupment of benefits for recipients still receiving benefits, direct billing to non-recipients and other means. Debt collection and tracking systems necessarily were established to accomplish these collections, and the establishment of and certain changes to such systems require notification to the public under the Privacy Act.

This notice announces changes to implement the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). TOP is a mandatory government-wide delinquent debt matching and payment offset system, centralized in the Department of Treasury. The Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended, (Pub.L. 97-365) provides statutory authority for Federal agencies to collect debts through administrative offset. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of

1996 (Pub.L.104-134) expands the statutory authority for TOP by requiring agencies to transfer delinquent non-tax debt to Treasury for the purpose of offsetting Federal payments to collect delinquent debts owed to the Federal Government. TOP operates in accordance with statutory and regulatory authorities, including those contained in 31 U.S.C. 3716 and 4 CFR part 102. Further, this notice announces our intent for the Department of Treasury and other debt collection centers designated as such by Treasury, to be among those with whom data may be shared.

FNS has been participating in the Federal Tax Refund Offset (FTROP) and Federal Salary Offset (FSOP) Programs. FNS published notices to test FTROP in 1991 and FSOP in 1994. Final regulations were published in 1995. Under these programs food stamp debts that occurred due to overissuance of program benefits, as a result of an intentional program violation or an inadvertent household error, are offset from Federal Tax Refunds and the salaries of Federal employees, respectively. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 removed some limits on collection methods for State agency error claims. As a result the scope of referable debts was broadened to include State agency error claims.

This Notice modifies the system of records entitled, Claims against Food Stamp Recipients—USDA/FNS-3 so that FNS can fully comply with the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) requirements for various debt collection actions. This Notice modifies the systems of records as follows. The current routine use (1) was changed to list Treasury and its designated collection centers as the referral points and to include Federal administrative payments as an additional routine use and record source category. The current routine use (2) was modified to eliminate the requirement that Federal employee claims be deleted from the tax refund claims, as there is no longer a separate FTROP, since both are subsumed under TOP.

FNS has included some technical changes that do not affect the operation of the system. The notice is modified to reflect that the system manager and system location are now in the FNS Grants Management Division rather than