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in a cooperative venture to deny, to any individual any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of such individual's refusal to disclose his or her social security account number.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply with respect to:

(1) Any disclosure required by Federal statute; or

(2) Any disclosure to any agency relating to a system of records it maintained prior to January 1, 1975, if such disclosure was required under statute or regulation adopted prior to that date, to verify the identity of an individual.

(c) Any agency in the Department which requests an individual to disclose his or her social security account number shall inform that individual whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority the number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. The agency shall also insure that this information is provided by a State or local government with whom it is involved in a cooperative agreement.

SEC. 7. *Annual report.* Each agency in the Department shall submit to the Office of the General Counsel prior to March 30 of each year a report containing the following information related to implementation of 5 U.S.C. 552a:

(a) A summary of major accomplishments;

(b) A summary of major plans for activities in the upcoming year;

(c) A list of the systems which were exempted during the year from any of the operative provisions of this subpart pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a (j) and (k), whether or not the exemption was effected during that year, the number of instances with respect to each system exempted in which the exemption was invoked to deny access, and the reasons for invoking the exemption;

(d) A brief summary of changes to the total inventory of personal data system subject to this subpart including reasons for major changes; and

(e) A general description of operational experiences including estimates of the number of individuals (in relation to the total number of records in the system):

(1) Requesting information on the existence of records pertaining to them;

(2) Refusing to provide information;

(3) Requesting access to their records;

(4) Appealing initial refusals to amend records; and

(5) Seeking redress through the courts.

SEC. 8. *Effect of 5 U.S.C. 552.* No agency in the Department shall rely on any exemption in 5 U.S.C. 552 to withhold from an individual any record which is otherwise accessible to

such individual under 5 U.S.C. 552a and this subpart.

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Subpart H—Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 7 U.S.C. 61, 87e, 228, 268, 499o, 608c(14), 1592, 1624(b), 1636b, 1638b, 2151, 2279e, 2621, 2714, 2908, 3812, 4610, 4815, 4910, 6009, 6107, 6207, 6307, 6411, 6519, 6520, 6808, 7107, 7734, 8313; 15 U.S.C. 1828; 16 U.S.C. 534, 620d, 1540(f), 3373; 21 U.S.C. 104, 111, 117, 120, 122, 127, 134e, 134f, 135a, 154, 463(b), 621, 1043; 30 U.S.C. 185(o)(1); 43 U.S.C. 1740; 7 CFR 2.27, 2.35.

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§ 1.130 Meaning of words.

As used in this subpart, words in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may require.

§ 1.131 Scope and applicability of this subpart.

(a) The rules of practice in this subpart shall be applicable to all adjudicatory proceedings under the statutory provisions listed below as those provisions have been or may be amended from time to time,¹ except that those rules shall not be applicable to reparation proceedings under section 6(c) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930. Section 1.26 shall be inapplicable to the proceedings covered by this subpart.

Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002, section 212(i) (7 U.S.C. 8401(i)).

Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, section 253 (7 U.S.C. 1636b) and section 283 (7 U.S.C. 1638b).

Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, section 8c(14), 7 U.S.C. 608c(14).

Animal Health Protection Act, section 10414 (7 U.S.C. 8313).

Animal Welfare Act, section 19 (7 U.S.C. 2149).

¹See also the regulations promulgated under these statutes for any supplemental rules relating to particular circumstances arising thereunder.

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Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985, section 9 (7 U.S.C. 2908).
 Egg Products Inspection Act, section 18 (21 U.S.C. 1047).
 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, section 11(a) (16 U.S.C. 1540(a)).
 Egg Research and Consumer Information Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2714, Pub. L. 96-276, 94 Stat. 541.
 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, section 506 (43 U.S.C. 1766).
 Federal Meat Inspection Act, sections 4, 6, 7(e), 8, and 401 (21 U.S.C. 604, 606, 607(e), 608, 671).
 Federal Seed Act, section 409 (7 U.S.C. 1599).
 Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990, section 1999L [7 U.S.C. 6411].
 Forest Resources Conversation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, section 492 (16 U.S.C. 620d).
 Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Consumer Information Act of 1993, section 9 [7 U.S.C. 6808].
 Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, section 11 (7 U.S.C. 4610).
 Horse Protection Act of 1970, sections 4(c) and 6 (15 U.S.C. 1823(c), 1825).
 Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, section 4 (a) and (b) (16 U.S.C. 3373 (a) and (b)).
 Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990, as amended, section 1958 [7 U.S.C. 6207].
 Mineral Leasing Act, section 28(o)(1) (30 U.S.C. 185(o)(1)).
 Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990, section 1928 [7 U.S.C. 6107].
 National Forest Roads and Trails Act (16 U.S.C. 534).
 Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, sections 2119 and 2120 (7 U.S.C. 6519, 6520).
 Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as supplemented, sections 203, 312, and 401 of the Act, and section 1, 57 Stat. 422, as amended by section 4, 90 Stat. 1249 (7 U.S.C. 193, 204, 213, 221).
 Pecan Promotion and Research Act of 1990, section 1914 [7 U.S.C. 6009].
 Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930, sections 1(b)(9), 3(c), 4(d), 6(c), 8(a), 8(b), 8(c), 8(e), 9, and 13(a) (7 U.S.C. 499a(b)(9), 499c(c), 499d(d), 499f(c), 499h(a), 499h(b), 499h(c), 499h(e), 499i, 499m(a)).
 Plant Protection Act, section 424 (7 U.S.C. 7734).
 Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985, section 1626 (7 U.S.C. 4815).
 Potato Research and Promotion Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2621, Pub. L. 97-244, 96 Stat. 310.
 Poultry Products Inspection Act, sections 6, 7, 8(d), and 18 (21 U.S.C. 455, 456, 457(d), 467).
 Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1994 [7 U.S.C. 7107].

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Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act, section 1972 [7 U.S.C. 6307].
 Swine Health Protection Act, sections 5 and 6 (7 U.S.C. 3804, 3805).
 Title V of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, section 501(a) (7 U.S.C. 2279e).
 United States Cotton Standards Act, as supplemented, section 3 of the Act and section 2 of 47 Stat. 1621 (7 U.S.C. 51b, 53).
 United States Grain Standards Act, sections 7(g)(3), 9, 10, and 17A(d) (7 U.S.C. 79(g)(3), 85, 86, 87f-1(d)).
 United States Warehouse Act, sections 12 and 25 (7 U.S.C. 246, 253).
 Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 156).
 Watermelon Research and Promotion Act, section 1651 (7 U.S.C. 4910).

(b) These rules of practice shall also be applicable to:

(1) Adjudicatory proceedings under the regulations promulgated under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) for the denial or withdrawal of inspection, certification, or grading service;¹

(2) Adjudicatory proceedings under the regulations promulgated under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) for the suspension or revocation of accreditation of veterinarians (9 CFR parts 160, 161);

(3) Proceedings for debarment of counsel under §1.141(d) of this subpart;

(4) Adjudicatory proceedings under the regulations promulgated under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*) for the denial of an initial license application (9 CFR 2.11) or the termination of a license during the license renewal process or at any other time (9 CFR 2.12);

(5) Adjudicatory proceedings under the regulations promulgated under sections 901-905 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note) pertaining to the commercial transportation of equines to slaughtering facilities (9 CFR part 88); and

(6) Other adjudicatory proceedings in which the complaint instituting the proceeding so provides with the concurrence of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting §1.131, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and at www.govinfo.gov.