

Office of the Secretary, USDA

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(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)).

[60 FR 56393, Nov. 8, 1995, as amended at 61 FR 25776, May 23, 1996; 61 FR 68541, Dec. 30, 1996; 62 FR 40254, July 28, 1997; 65 FR 12428, Mar. 9, 2000; 65 FR 49471, Aug. 14, 2000; 68 FR 27439, May 20, 2003; 70 FR 55706, Sept. 23, 2005; 74 FR 3405, Jan. 21, 2009; 76 FR 4802, Jan. 27, 2011; 79 FR 44109, July 30, 2014; 80 FR 58337, Sept. 29, 2015; 83 FR 22181, May 14, 2018; 83 FR 61311, Nov. 29, 2018; 85 FR 65509, Oct. 15, 2020; 87 FR 44267, July 26, 2022]

EDITORIAL NOTE: At 83 FR 61311, Nov. 29, 2018, § 2.22 was amended by adding (a)(1)(xvi), however paragraph (a)(xvi) was not provided in the text, this amendment could not be incorporated due to inaccurate amendatory instruction.

§ 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.

(iii) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A-85 to provide advance notification to state and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.

(iv) Act as the department representative for Federal executive board matters.

(v) Oversee the Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 2.24 Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Administration:

(1)–(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Related to human resources management.* (i) Formulate and issue Department policy, standards, rules, and regulations relating to human resources management.

(ii) Provide human resources management procedural guidance and operational instructions.

(iii) Set standards for human resources data systems.

(iv) Inspect and evaluate human resources management operations and issue instructions or take direct action to insure conformity with appropriate laws, Executive Orders, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) rules and regulations, and other appropriate rules and regulations.

(v) Exercise final authority in all human resources matters, including individual cases, that involve the jurisdiction of more than one General Officer or agency head, or otherwise as deemed appropriate.