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(25) 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 Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, except for authorities delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in § 2.28(a)(29) and authorities reserved to the Secretary in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(26) As directed by section 12403(a) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, conduct civil rights impact analyses in accordance with Departmental Regulation 4300–004 issued on October 17, 2016, with respect to the Department's employment, federally conducted programs and activities, and federally assisted programs and activities.

(b) The following authorities are reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

(1) 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)).

(2) [Reserved]

[77 FR 14953, Mar. 14, 2012, as amended at 78 FR 40937, July 9, 2013; 79 FR 44109, July 30, 2014; 80 FR 58337, Sept. 29, 2015; 85 FR 65512, Oct. 15, 2020]

§ 2.26 Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat.

(a) *Delegations.* The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary to the Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat:

(1) Exercise responsibility for all correspondence control and related records management functions for the Office of the Secretary;

(2) Provide administrative, editorial, and project management support services to the immediate Office of the Secretary.

(b) [Reserved]

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Subpart D—Delegations of Authority to Other General Officers and Agency Heads

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§ 2.27 Office of Administrative Law Judges.

(a) The following designations are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Office of Administrative Law Judges:

(1) Administrative law judges (formerly hearing examiners) are designated pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 556(b)(3) to hold hearings and perform related duties in proceedings subject to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557, arising under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*); the Commodity Exchange Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*); the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 499a *et seq.*); the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1551 *et seq.*); the (Laboratory) Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*); the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 630 *et seq.*); and any other acts providing for hearings to which the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557, are applicable. Pursuant to the applicable rules of practice, the administrative law judges shall make initial decisions in adjudication and rate proceedings subject to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557. Such decisions shall become final without further proceedings unless there is an appeal to the Secretary by a party to the proceeding in accordance with the applicable rules of practice: Provided, however, that no decision shall be final for purposes of judicial review except a final decision of the Secretary upon appeal. As used herein, “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, the Judicial Officer, or other officer or employee of the Department delegated, pursuant to the Act of April 4, 1940 (7 U.S.C. 450c–450g), and Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953 (5 U.S.C. App.), “regulatory functions” as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, in acting as final deciding officer in adjudication and rate proceedings subject to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557. Administrative Law Judges are delegated authority to hold hearings and perform related duties as provided in the Rules of Practice Governing Cease and Desist Proceedings Under Section 2 of the Capper-