

(b) An appellant may not seek judicial review of any agency adverse decision appealable under this part without receiving a final determination from the Division pursuant to the procedures of this part.

**§ 11.14 Filing of appeals and computation of time.**

(a) An appeal, a request for Director review, or any other document will be considered “filed” when delivered in writing to the Division, when post-marked, or when a complete facsimile copy is received by the Division.

(b) Whenever the final date for any requirement of this part falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or other day on which the Division is not open for the transaction of business during normal working hours, the time for filing will be extended to the close of business on the next working day.

(c) The time for filing an appeal, a request for Director review, or any other document expires at 5:00 p.m. local time at the office of the Division to which the filing is submitted on the last day on which such filing may be made.

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**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§ 12.1 General.**

(a) *Scope.* This part sets forth the terms and conditions under which a person who produces an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land or designates such land for conservation use, plants an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland, or converts a wetland shall be determined to be ineligible for certain benefits provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and agencies and instrumentalities of USDA.

(b) *Purpose.* The purpose of the provisions of this part are to remove certain incentives for persons to produce agricultural commodities on highly erodible land or converted wetland and to thereby—

- (1) Reduce soil loss due to wind and water erosion;
- (2) Protect the Nation’s long-term capability to produce food and fiber;
- (3) Reduce sedimentation and improve water quality; and
- (4) Assist in preserving the functions and values of the Nation’s wetlands.

**§ 12.2 Definitions.**

(a) *General.* The following definitions shall be applicable for the purposes of this part:

*Agricultural commodity* means any crop planted and produced by annual tilling of the soil, including tilling by one-trip planters, or sugarcane.

*CCC* means the Commodity Credit Corporation, a wholly-owned government corporation within USDA organized under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*