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### §371.1 General statement.

(a) The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) was created by the Secretary of Agriculture on April 2, 1972 (37 FR 6327, March 28, 1972).

(b) *Central Office.* The central offices of APHIS are located at Washington, DC, and Riverdale, Maryland, and consist of the offices of the Administrator, the Associate Administrator, six Deputy Administrators, and five Directors, as follows:

Administrator  
Associate Administrator  
Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)  
Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services (VS)  
Deputy Administrator, Management and Budget (M&B)  
Deputy Administrator, Animal Damage Control (ADC)  
Deputy Administrator, Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care (REAC)

Deputy Administrator, International Services (IS)  
Director, Policy and Program Development (PPD)  
Director, Recruitment and Development (R&D)  
Director, Legislative and Public Affairs (LPA)  
Director, Science and Technology (S&T)  
Director, Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection (BBEP)

(c) *Field organization:* The locations of the principal field offices for the major programs are as follows:

#### (1) PPQ.

Northeastern Region: 505 South Lenola Road, Building Blason II, First Floor, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Southeastern Region: 3505 25th Avenue, P.O. Box 3659, Gulfport, MS 39501.

South Central Region: 3505 Boca Chica Boulevard, Suite 360, Brownsville, TX 78521.

Western Region: 9580 Micron Avenue, Suite I, Sacramento, CA 95827.

#### (2) VS.

Western Region: 317 Inverness Way South, Englewood, CO 80112.

Northern Region: Building 12, GSA Depot, Scotia, NY 12302.

Southeastern Region: 500 Zack St., Suite 310, Tampa, FL 33602-4021.

Central Region: 1600 Throckmorton St., Suite 308, Forth Worth, TX 76102.

#### (3) Management and Budget.

Field Servicing Office: Butler Square West, 100 North Sixth St., Minneapolis, MN 55403.

#### (4) ADC.

Western Region: Building 16, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25266, Denver, CO 80225-0266.

Eastern Region: 215 Centerview Drive, Suite 104, Brentwood, TN 37027.

#### (5) S&T.

Methods Development Centers:

Hoboken Methods Development Center, 209 River Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

Mission Methods Development Center, Moore Air Base, Route 3, Box 1000, Edinburg, TX 78539.

Otis Methods Development Center, Building 1398, Otis ANGB, MA 02542.

Whiteville Methods Development Center, P.O. Box 279, Whiteville, NC 28472.

Research Center: Denver Wildlife Research Center, Building 16, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25266, Denver, CO 80225-0266.

Laboratories:

National Veterinary Services Laboratories, P.O. Box 844, Ames, IA 50010.

National Monitoring and Residue Analysis Laboratory, P.O. Box 3209, Gulfport, MS 39503.

(6) *IS.*

Latin American Region: American Embassy, Reforma 305, Col. Cuauhtemoc 06500 Mexico, D.F. Mailing Address: c/o U.S. Embassy, Mexico City, P.O. Box 3087, Laredo, TX 78044.

Screwworm Program: Mexico-U.S. Commission for Eradication of Screwworms, P.O. Box 3087, Laredo, TX 78044.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease Program: Mexico-U.S. Foot-and-Mouth Disease Program, "AMEMB, Mexico City," P.O. Box 3087, Laredo, TX 78044.

Pan-U.S. Commission for the Prevention of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, American Embassy-AGRI, Box E, APO Miami 34002.

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**§371.2 The Office of the Administrator.**

(a) *The Administrator.* The Administrator of APHIS, under the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Inspection Services, formulates, directs, and supervises the execution of APHIS policies, programs, and activities. The Administrator is authorized to take any action, execute any document, authorize any expenditure, promulgate any rule, regulation, order or instruction required by or authorized by law and deemed by the Administrator to be necessary and proper to the discharge of the functions assigned to APHIS and to delegate, and provide for redelegation of authority to appropriate officers and employees consistent with, and with due regard to, the continuing responsibility for the proper discharge of delegations made by the Administrator. Delegations and provisions for redelegations are stated in §371.14.

(b) *The Associate Administrator.* The Associate Administrator shares overall responsibility with the Administrator for general direction and supervision of the programs and activities assigned to APHIS and is authorized to act for the Administrator in performing all functions for which the Administrator is responsible.

(c) *Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ).* The Deputy Administrator for PPQ is responsible for:

(1) Participating with the Administrator for APHIS and other agency officials in the overall planning and formulation of all policies, programs, procedures, and activities of APHIS.

(2) Providing leadership, direction, and coordination to PPQ programs and activities to protect the Nation's agricultural resources from harmful pests, and to prevent the entry of plant pests and animal diseases into the United States and their spread in foreign commerce. The basic laws authorizing PPQ programs include:

(i) Section 102, Organic Act of September 21, 1944, as amended, and the Act of April 6, 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 147a, 148, 148a-148e), relating to control and eradication of plant pests and diseases;

(ii) The Mexico Border Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 149);

(iii) The Golden Nematode Act (7 U.S.C. 150 through 150g);

(iv) The Federal Plant Pest Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 150aa through 150jj);

(v) The Plant Quarantine Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 151 through 164a, 167);

(vi) The Terminal Inspection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 166);

(vii) The Honeybee Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 281 through 282);

(viii) The Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2801 through 2813);

(ix) The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884);

(x) Executive Order 11987;

(xi) The responsibilities of the United States under the International Plant Protection Convention;

(xii) Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3401 through 3408); and

(xiii) Title III (and Title IV to the extent that it relates to activities under Title III) of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1581 through 1610).

(3) Participating in the development of regulations (including quarantines) pursuant to laws relating to PPQ programs and activities.

(4) Cooperating with and providing technical assistance to State and local governments in regard to plant pest control programs. Cooperating with and providing technical assistance to foreign governments with regard to pests and diseases of international