

§371.3 Plant Protection and Quarantine.

The PPQ Operational Support unit and the four PPQ regional offices, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, PPQ, are responsible for Plant Protection and Quarantine as follows:

(a) *PPQ operational support.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, PPQ, in the overall planning and formulation of all PPQ programs and activities.

(2) Directing, coordinating, and integrating the activities of subordinate staffs that provide operational support, guidance, and planning to field programs conducted in the four domestic regions.

(3) Developing and maintaining cooperative relationships and programs with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and industry with regard to plant protection activities and programs designed to protect farm crops and other valued plant life from harmful insects, nematodes, diseases, and weeds.

(b) *PPQ regional offices.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, PPQ, in the operational planning and implementation of policies, programs, and activities of PPQ.

(2) Planning, providing leadership, coordinating, and conducting PPQ regional programs and activities to protect the Nation's agriculture from harmful plant pests and diseases, and preventing the entry of these plant pests and diseases and animal diseases into the United States or their spread in foreign commerce. (Activities relating to animal diseases are concerned with import and export of animal products and byproducts).

(3) Developing and maintaining cooperative relationships and programs with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and industry with regard to plant protection activities and programs designed to protect farm crops and other valued plant life from harmful insects, nematodes, diseases, and weeds.

§371.4 Veterinary Services.

The VS Operational Support unit and the four VS regional offices, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, VS, are responsible as follows:

(a) *VS Operational Support.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, VS, in the overall planning and formulation of policies, programs, and activities of VS within the APHIS framework.

(2) Directing, coordinating, and integrating the activities of subordinate staffs that provide operational support, guidance, and planning to field programs involving the detection, control, and/or eradication of animal diseases and parasites, and involving the enforcement of quarantines governing the importation and exportation of live animals, animal semen, and eggs.

(3) Monitoring and evaluating ongoing programs to ensure that they are effective, efficient, and in compliance with laws, regulations, and policies.

(4) Providing technical guidance, advice, and information in support of field operations units and personnel.

(5) Coordinating and monitoring VS import and export programs.

(6) Negotiating animal health protocols with foreign countries to facilitate the export of United States livestock.

(7) Cooperating with other APHIS organizations and other Federal and private agencies in developing plans, programs, and procedures to protect the nation's livestock and poultry resources.

(8) Maintaining close liaison and cooperative relationships with other APHIS organizations, the Agricultural Research Service, other Federal and private agencies, and colleges and universities involved in research and development activities relating to the control and eradication of animal diseases and other programs relating to VS objectives and missions.

(b) *VS Regional Offices.* (1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator, VS, in the overall planning and formulation of all policies, programs, and activities of VS.

(2) Planning, providing leadership, and coordinating VS programs and activities within the Region (comprising