

§ 15.51 Discrimination prohibited.

(a) No agency, officer, or employee of the United States Department of Agriculture, shall exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin under any program or activity administered by such agency, officer, or employee.

(b) No agency, officer, or employee of the Department shall on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age, or national origin deny to any person in the United States:

(1) Equal access to buildings, facilities, structures, or lands under the control of any agency in this Department, equal opportunity for employment, for participation in meetings, demonstrations, training activities or programs, fairs, awards, field days, encampments, for receipt of information disseminated by publication, news, radio, and other media, for obtaining contracts, grants, loans, or other financial assistance or for selection to assist in the administration of programs or activities of this Department.

(2) [Reserved]

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§ 15.52 Complaints.

(a) Any person who believes himself or any specific class of individuals to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by this subpart may by himself or by an authorized representative file a written complaint based on the ground of such discrimination. No particular form of complaint shall be required. The complaint must be filed within 180 days from the date the person knew or should have known of the alleged discrimination unless the Director, Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, extends the time for filing for good cause. Any person who complains of discrimination under this subpart shall be advised of his rights to file a complaint as herein provided. Each agency of the Department dealing with the public shall post in conspicuous places in its offices and other facilities notice of the right to file a complaint under this subpart.

(b) All complaints under this subpart must be filed with the Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, which will investigate the complaints. The Director, Office of Advocacy and Enterprise, will make determinations as to the merits of complaints under this subpart and as to corrective actions required to resolve the complaints.

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APPENDIX TO SUBPART B—USDA DIRECT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Programs conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture which include but are not limited to the following:

| Program | Authority |
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| Administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service | |
| 1. Agricultural Fair Practice Act | 7 U.S.C. 2301-2306. |
| 2. Commodity Credit Corporation's Dairy Collection Program .. | Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982; Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4501-4513); Food Security Improvements Act of 1986. |
| 3. Commodity Purchases | Section 32 (7 U.S.C. 612c); Sec. 6a, 6c and 14 of the National School Lunch Act; Sec. 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973; 7 U.S.C. 612(c); Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 1751, 1755, 1758 and 1761. |