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2.53 Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Subpart I—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

2.55 Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

2.57 Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

Subpart J—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

2.59 Deputy Under Secretaries for Natural Resources and Environment.

2.60 Chief, Forest Service.

2.61 Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Subpart K—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics

2.63 Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

2.65 Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.

2.66 Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

2.67 Administrator, Economic Research Service.

2.68 Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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2.70 Deputy Chief Economist.

2.71 Director, Office of Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis.

2.72 Chairman, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

2.73 Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses.

Subpart M—Delegations of Authority by the Chief Financial Officer

2.75 Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Subpart N—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

2.77 Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

2.79 Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

2.80 Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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2.81 Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

Subpart O—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

2.83 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

2.85 Director, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.

Subpart P—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Administration

2.87 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

2.88 Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

2.90 Director, Office of Outreach.

2.91 Director, Office of Operations.

2.92 Director, Office of Human Resources Management.

2.93 Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management.

2.94 Director, Office of Planning and Coordination.

2.95 Director, Office of Ethics.

Subpart Q—Delegations of Authority by the Chief Information Officer

2.200 Deputy Chief Information Officer.

Subpart R—Delegations of Authority by the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

2.300 Director, Office of Civil Rights

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Subpart A—General

§ 2.1 Establishment of the Department.

The Department of Agriculture was created by the Act of May 15, 1862, and by the Act of February 9, 1889, it was made an executive department in the Federal Government under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Agriculture (7 U.S.C. 2201, 2202, 2204).

§ 2.2 Authority of the Secretary to prescribe regulations.

The general authority of the Secretary to prescribe regulations governing the work of the Department is based on 5 U.S.C. 301 which provides that the head of an Executive department may prescribe regulations for the

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government of his department, the conduct of its employees, the distribution and performance of its business, and the custody, use and preservation of its records, papers, and property.

§ 2.3 Authority of the Secretary to delegate authority.

(a) The general authority of the Secretary to make delegations of his authority is based on:

(1) Section 4(a) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953 (5 U.S.C. App.), which provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time make such provisions as he shall deem appropriate authorizing the performance by any other officer, or by an agency or employee, of the Department of Agriculture of any function of the Secretary, including any function transferred to the Secretary by the provisions of this reorganization plan; and

(2) Section 212(a)(1) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-354, 7 U.S.C. 6912(a)(1), which provides that the Secretary may delegate to any agency, office, officer, or employee of the Department the authority to perform any function transferred to the Secretary under 7 U.S.C. 6912(a) or any other function vested in the Secretary as of the date of the enactment of the Act.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 2.4 General officers.

The work of the Department is under the supervision and control of the Secretary who is assisted by the following general officers: the Deputy Secretary, the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; the Under Secretary for Rural Economic and Community Development; the Under Secretary for Food Safety; the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment; the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations; the Assistant Secretary for Administration; the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; the General Counsel; the Inspector General; the Chief Financial Officer; the Chief Information Officer;

the Judicial Officer; the Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis; the Chief Economist; the Director, National Appeals Division; and the Director of Communications.

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§ 2.5 Order in which officers of the Department shall act as Secretary.

(a) Pursuant to Executive Order 11957, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 79, in the case of the absence, sickness, resignation, or death of both the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary, the officials designated in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(10) of this section shall act as Secretary in the order in which they are listed. Each official shall act only in the absence, sickness, resignation, or death of the immediately preceding official:

(1) The Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

(2) The Under Secretary for Rural Economic and Community Development.

(3) The Under Secretary for Food Safety.

(4) The Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

(5) The Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

(6) The Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

(7) The General Counsel.

(8) The Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

(9) The Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(10) The Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart B—General Delegations of Authority by the Secretary of Agriculture

§ 2.7 Authority to supervise and direct.

Unless specifically reserved, or otherwise delegated, the delegations of authority to each general officer of the Department and each agency head contained in this part includes the authority to direct and supervise the employees engaged in the conduct of activities under such official's jurisdiction, and