

9606(a), 9622), pursuant to sections 4(c)(3) and 4(d)(3) of Executive Order 12580, as amended by Executive Order 13016.

(18) *Relating to personnel security and the safeguarding of national security information:*

(i) Direct and administer USDA's personnel security and public trust programs established pursuant to Executive Order 12968, Access to Classified Information (3 CFR 1995 Comp. pp 391-402) and 5 CFR part 731.

(ii) Manage the personnel security functions of the Department including programs for eligibility access determinations, obtaining security clearance for USDA employees, denial or revocation of access to national security information, and developing and promulgating policies training.

(iii) Direct and administer USDA's program under which information is safeguard pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Classified National Security Information.

(iv) Establish Information Security (INFOSEC) policies and procedures for classifying, declassifying, safeguarding, and disposing of classified national security information and materials.

(v) Establish procedures under which authorized holders of information may challenge the classification of information believed to be improperly classified or unclassified.

(vi) Take corrective action for violations or infractions under section 5.7 par. (b), of Executive Order 12958.

(vii) Develop and maintain a secure facility for the receipt and safeguarding of classified material.

(viii) Coordinate security activities with the Chief Information Officer who has primary responsibility for PDD 63, Critical Infrastructure Assurance.

(b) [Reserved]

[65 FR 77766, Dec. 13, 2000; 68 FR 27447, May 20, 2003]

#### **§ 2.94 Director, Office of Planning and Coordination.**

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.24(a)(11), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Planning and Coordination:

(1) Administer a productivity program in accordance with Executive Order 12089, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 246, and other policy and procedural directives and laws to:

(2) Develop strategies to improve processes with respect to administrative and financial activities of the Department and make recommendations to the Secretary.

(3) Improve Departmental management by: performing management studies and reviews in response to agency requests for assistance; enhancing management decision making by developing and applying analytic techniques to address particular administrative operational and management problems; searching for more economical or effective approaches to the conduct of business; developing and revising systems, processes, work methods and techniques; and undertaking other efforts to improve the management effectiveness and productivity of the Department.

(4) Coordinate Departmental Administration strategic planning and budget activities on behalf of the Assistant Secretary.

(b) [Reserved]

[65 FR 77768, Dec. 13, 2000, as amended at 68 FR 27449, May 20, 2003]

#### **§ 2.95 Director, Office of Ethics.**

The Director, Office of Ethics, shall be the USDA Alternate Agency Ethics Official, pursuant to 5 CFR 2638.202, and shall exercise the authority reserved to the Designate Agency Ethics Official under 5 CFR part 2638 only in the absence or unavailability of the Designated Agency Ethics Official.

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#### **Subpart Q-Delegations of Authority by the Chief Information Officer**

##### **§ 2.200 Deputy Chief Information Officer.**

Pursuant to § 2.37, the following delegation of authority is made by the Chief Information Officer to the Deputy Chief Information Officer, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Chief Information Officer: perform all duties and exercise