

(b) USDA is directed by an administrative or judicial order to refund amounts deducted from the employee's current pay.

### § 3.87 Agency regulations.

USDA agencies may issue regulations or policies not inconsistent with OPM regulations (5 CFR part 550, subpart K) and regulations in this subpart governing the collection of a debt by salary offset.

## Subpart H—Cooperation With the Internal Revenue Service

AUTHORITY: 26 U.S.C. 61; 31 U.S.C. 3720A; I TFRM 4055.50.

### § 3.90 Reporting discharged debts to the Internal Revenue Service.

When USDA discharges a debt, whether for the full value or less, it will report the discharge to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in accordance with current IRS instructions.

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## Subpart I—Adjusted Civil Monetary Penalties

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### § 3.91 Adjusted civil monetary penalties.

(a) *In general.* (1) The Secretary will adjust the civil monetary penalties, listed in paragraph (b) of this section, to take account of inflation at least once every 4 years as required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-410), as amended.

(2) Any increase in the dollar amount of a civil monetary penalty listed in paragraph (b) of this section shall apply only to violations occurring after May 7, 2010.

(3) The descriptions of the civil monetary penalties listed in paragraph (b) of this section are for illustrative purposes only. This section does not amend, interpret, implement, or alter in any way the statutory provisions in which the civil monetary penalties listed in paragraph (b) are set. Moreover, the descriptions of the civil monetary penalties listed in paragraph (b)

do not necessarily contain a complete description of the circumstances (*e.g.*, requirements regarding the “state of mind” of the violator(s), requirements regarding the type of law or issuance violated, etc.) under which the penalties are assessed. Persons should consult the statutory text in which the civil monetary penalties are set and any implementing regulations to make applicability determinations.

(4) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(i) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(ii) *Department* means the United States Department of Agriculture.

(b) *Penalties.*—

(1) *Agricultural Marketing Service*—(i) Civil penalty for improper record keeping codified at 7 U.S.C. 136i-1(d), has: a maximum of \$750 in the case of the first offense, and a minimum of \$1,100 in the case of subsequent offenses, except that the penalty shall be less than \$1,100 if the Secretary determines that the person made a good faith effort to comply.

(ii) Civil penalty for a violation of the unfair conduct rule under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, in lieu of license revocation or suspension, codified at 7 U.S.C. 499b(5), has a maximum of \$2,200.

(iii) Civil penalty for violation of the licensing requirements under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, codified at 7 U.S.C. 499c(a), has a maximum of \$1,200 for each such offense and not more than \$350 for each day it continues, or a maximum of \$350 for each offense if the Secretary determines the violation was not willful.

(iv) Civil penalty in lieu of license suspension under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, codified at 7 U.S.C. 499h(e), has a maximum penalty of \$2,000 for each violative transaction or each day the violation continues.

(v) Civil penalty for a violation of the Export Apple Act, codified at 7 U.S.C. 586, has a minimum of \$110 and a maximum of \$11,000.

(vi) Civil penalty for a violation of the Export Grape and Plum Act, codified at 7 U.S.C. 596, has a minimum of \$110 and a maximum of \$11,000.