

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1076-011

Realignment of the Departmental Management, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Coordination (OHSEC), Executive Protective Operations Division

1. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Memorandum is to realign the Departmental Management, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Coordination (OHSEC), Executive Protective Operations Division to the Office of the Secretary (OSEC), Immediate Office (IO).

The OHSEC, Executive Protective Operations Division provides executive-level personal security protections to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

2. ACTIONS ORDERED

- a. The Executive Protective Operations Division, previously established within Departmental Management, OHSEC, is transferred to the OSEC, IO, and established as the Executive Protective Operations (EPO).
- b. EPO will be headed by a Supervisory Law Enforcement Officer who will report directly to the Deputy Secretary, OSEC, IO.

3. INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS

The Assistant Secretary for Administration and the Office of Budget and Program Analysis and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to approve such transfers of funds, personnel, employment authority, space, records, property, and incidentals as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Memorandum.

4. EXISTING DIRECTIVES

Prior delegations of authority, administrative regulations, and other directives not inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum shall remain in full force and effect.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum is effective October 4, 2015, and will remain in effect for one year from the effective date or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum.

/s/Thomas Vilsack
Secretary