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SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1076-024

Delegation of Authority for the Organic Certification Cost Share Programs

* This SM supersedes SM 1076-014, *Delegation of Authority for the Organic Certification Cost Share Programs*, dated August 3, 2016.

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1. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Memorandum is to continue the delegation of authority to administer USDA's two Organic Certification Cost Share Programs to the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

2. ACTIONS ORDERED

- a The FSA Administrator is hereby delegated the authority to administer the Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost Share Program, which is authorized under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, 7 U.S.C. § 1524(b)(4)(C)(ii), and the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, which is authorized under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014, 7 U.S.C. § 6523 (together referenced as the "Organic Certification Cost Share Programs"). The FSA Administrator shall determine which organizational unit of FSA will administer both Organic Certification Cost Share Programs.
- b The delegation to the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs (7 C.F.R. § 2.22(a)(1)(viii)(DDD) and AMS Administrator (7 C.F.R. § 2.79(a)(8)(lxiv) to administer the Organic Certification Cost Share Programs is revoked.
- c The delegation to the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (7 C.F.R. § 2.61(a)(18)) for 7 U.S.C. § 1524(b)(4)(C)(ii) is revoked.

3. INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS

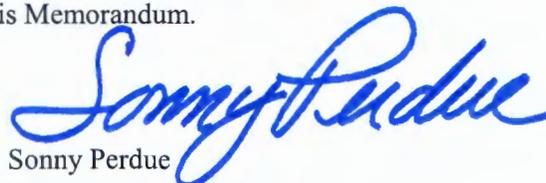
The Assistant Secretary for Administration and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to approve such transfers of funds, personnel, employment authority, space, records, property, and incidentals as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Memorandum.

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 has retroactive effect to August 3, 2017, 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.


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