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is returned undelivered because the addressee refused or failed to accept delivery, the document or paper shall be served by re-mailing it by regular mail. Proof of service hereunder shall be made by the certification of the person who actually made the service: *Provided*, That if the service be made by mail, as outlined in paragraph (b)(3) of this section proof of service shall be made by the return post office receipt, in the case of registered or certified mail, or by the certificate of the person who mailed the matter by regular mail. The certificate and post office receipt contemplated herein shall be filed with the Hearing Clerk, and the fact of filing thereof shall be noted in the record of the proceeding.

(c) *Extension of time*. The time for the filing of any document or paper required or authorized under the rules in this part to be filed may be extended by the Judge prior to the filing of the certification of the transcript or recording if there is good reason for the extension. In all instances in which time permits, notice of the request for extension of the time shall be given to the other party with opportunity to submit views concerning the request.

(d) *Effective date of filing*. Any document or paper required or authorized under the rules in this part to be filed shall be deemed to be filed at the time when it reaches the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.; or, if authorized to be filed with an officer or employee of the Department at any place outside the District of Columbia, it shall be deemed to be filed at the time when it reaches the office of such officer or employee.

(e) *Computation of time*. Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays shall be included in computing the time allowed for the filing of any document or paper: *Provided*, That when such time expires on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, such period shall be extended to include the next following business day.

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§ 1.175 Procedure following entry of cease and desist order.

(a) *Request for judicial review*. An association subject to a cease and desist

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order may, within thirty days following the date of the order, request the Secretary to institute proceedings for judicial review of the order. Such request shall, to the extent practicable, identify findings of fact, conclusions of law, and any part of the order which the association claims are in error. The Secretary shall, thereupon, file in the district in the judicial district in which such association has its principal place of business, a certified copy of the order and of all records in the proceeding, including the request of the association, together with a petition asking that the order be affirmed and enforced.

(b) *Enforcement*. If an association subject to a cease and desist order fails or neglects, within thirty days of the date of the order, or at any time thereafter, to obey such order, and has not made a request for judicial review as provided above, the Secretary shall file in the district court in the judicial district in which such association has its principal place of business a certified copy of the order and of all records in the proceeding, together with a petition asking that the order be enforced.

(c) *Notice*. The Secretary shall give notice of the filing of a petition for enforcement or review to the Attorney General, and to the association, by service of a copy of the petition.

Subpart J—Procedures Relating to Awards Under the Equal Access to Justice Act in Proceedings Before the Department

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1.180 Definitions.

(a) The definitions contained in Subpart H—Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings (§ 1.132 of this part) are incorporated into and made applicable to this subpart.

(b) *Adjudicative Officer* means an administrative law judge, administrative

judge, or other person assigned to conduct a proceeding covered by the Act.

(c) *Agency* means an organizational unit of the Department whose head reports to an official in the Office of the Secretary.

(d) *Agency counsel* means the attorney from the Office of the General Counsel representing the agency of the Department administering the statute involved in the proceeding.

(e) *Days* means calendar days.

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

§ 1.181 Purpose of these rules.

The Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. 504 (called *the Act* in this subpart), provides for the award of attorney fees and other expenses to eligible individuals and entities who are parties to certain administrative proceedings (called *adversary adjudications*) before the Department. An eligible party may receive an award when it prevails over the Department unless the position of the Department was substantially justified or special circumstances make an award unjust. The rules in this subpart describe the parties eligible for awards and the proceedings that are covered. They also explain how to apply for awards, and the procedures and standards that this Department will use to make awards.

§ 1.182 When the Act applies.

The Act applies to any adversary adjudication pending or commenced before this Department on or after August 5, 1985, except with respect to a proceeding covered under § 1.183(a)(1)(iii) of this part, which shall be effective on or after October 21, 1986. It also applies to any adversary adjudication commenced on or after October 1, 1984, and disposed of finally before August 5, 1985, provided that an application for fees and expenses, as described in subpart B of these rules, has been filed with the agency within 30 days after August 5, 1985, and to any adversary adjudication pending on or commenced on or after October 1, 1981, in which an application for fees and other expenses was timely filed and was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

§ 1.183 Proceedings covered.

(a)(1) These rules apply to adversary adjudications. These are:

(i) Adjudications required by statute to be conducted by this Department under 5 U.S.C. 554 in which the position of this Department or any other agency of the United States, or any component of an agency, is presented by an attorney or other representative who enters an appearance and participates in the proceeding,

(ii) Appeals of decisions of contracting officers made pursuant to section 6 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 605) before the Agriculture Board of Contract Appeals as provided in section 8 of that Act (41 U.S.C. 607), and

(iii) Any hearing conducted under chapter 38 of title 31, United States Code.

(2) Any proceeding in which this Department may prescribe a lawful present or future rate is not covered by the Act. Proceedings to grant or renew licenses also are excluded, but proceedings to modify, suspend, or revoke licenses are covered if they are otherwise "adversary adjudications." The proceedings covered are adversary adjudications under the statutory provisions listed below.

Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 608c(15)(A))
 Animal Quarantine Act (21 U.S.C. 104)
 Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2149)
 Archaeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470ff)
 Beef Research and Information Act (7 U.S.C. 2912)
 Capper-Volstead Act (7 U.S.C. 292)
 Cotton Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2111)
 Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1047)
 Egg Research and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 2713, 2714(b))
 Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1540(a))
 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1766)
 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 604, 606, 607(e), 608, 671)
 Federal Seed Act (7 U.S.C. 1599)
 Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1823(c), 1825)
 Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 193, 204, 213, 218d, 221)
 Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (7 U.S.C. 499c(c), 499d(d), 499f(c), 499h(a), 499h(b), 499h(c), 499i, 499m(a))
 Plant Quarantine Act (7 U.S.C. 163)
 Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2620)