

(f) *Prior delegations.* All prior delegations and redelegations of authority relating to any function or activity covered by these delegations of authority shall remain in effect except as they are inconsistent herewith or are hereafter amended or revoked. Nothing herein shall affect the validity of any action heretofore taken under prior delegations or redelegations of authority or assignment of functions.

(g) *Reservations of authority.* It is hereby reserved to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator authority with respect to proposed rulemaking and final action for the issuance of regulations (§201.1 of this chapter *et seq.*), rules of practice governing proceedings (§202.1 of this chapter *et seq.*), and statements of general policy (§203.1 of this chapter *et seq.*), and the issuance of moving papers as prescribed in the rules of practice governing formal adjudicatory administrative proceedings instituted by the Secretary (7 CFR part 1, subpart H, §1.133); and the authority to make final determinations in accordance with the provisions of 7 CFR part 1, subpart A, as to the availability of official records and information made or obtained in connection with the administration of the Packers and Stockyards Act which are considered exempt from disclosure under §204.7 of this part. Further, authority to issue subpoenas (7 U.S.C. 222 and 15 U.S.C. 49) is reserved to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator.

§ 204.4 Public inspection and copying.

(a) Facilities for public inspection and copying of the indexes and materials required to be made available under 7 CFR 1.2(a) will be provided by the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (Packers and Stockyards Programs) during normal hours of operation. Requests for this information should be made to the Freedom of Information Act Officer, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (Packers and Stockyards Programs, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

(b) Copies of such materials may be obtained in person or by mail. Applicable fees for copies will be charged in accordance with the regulations pre-

scribed by the Director of Information, Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, USDA.

§ 204.5 Indexes.

Pursuant to the regulations in 7 CFR 1.4(b), the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (Packers and Stockyards Programs) will maintain and make available for public inspection and copying current indexes of all material required to be made available in 7 CFR 1.2(a). Notice is hereby given that publication of these indexes is unnecessary and impractical, since the material is voluminous and does not change often enough to justify the expense of publication.

§ 204.6 Requests for records.

(a) Requests for records under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3) shall be made in accordance with 7 CFR 1.3(a). Authority to make determinations regarding initial requests in accordance with 7 CFR 1.4(c) is delegated to the Freedom of Information Act Officer of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (Packers and Stockyards Programs). Requests should be submitted to the FOIA Officer at the following address: Freedom of Information Act Officer (FOIA Request), Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (Packers and Stockyards Programs), United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

(b) The request shall identify each record with reasonable specificity as prescribed in 7 CFR 1.3.

(c) The FOIA Officer is authorized to receive requests and to exercise the authority to (1) make determination to grant requests or deny initial requests; (2) extend the administrative deadline; (3) make discretionary release of exempt records; and (4) make determinations regarding charges pursuant to the fee schedule.

§ 204.7 Appeals.

Any person whose request under §204.6 of this part is denied shall have the right to appeal such denial in accordance with 7 CFR 1.3(e). Appeals shall be addressed to the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (Packers