

## § 2.23

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Research and Nutrition Education Act (7 U.S.C. 3405(a));

(xvii) Appoint members of the Cattle-men's Beef Promotion and Research Board established by section 5(1) of the Beef Research and Information Act as amended (7 U.S.C. 2904(1));

(xviii) Appoint members of the National Pork Board established by section 1619(a)(1) of the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 4808(a));

(xix) Appoint members of the United Soybean Board established by section 1969(b)(1) of the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 6304(b));

(xx) Appoint members of the National Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Board established by section 5(b) of the Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7104(b)(1));

(xxi) Appoint members of the National Canola and Rapeseed Board established by section 535(b)(1) of the Canola and Rapeseed Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 7444(b));

(xxii) Appoint members of boards established by section 515(b)(2)(A) of the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7414(b)).

(2) *Related to animal and plant health inspection.* (i) Determination that an emergency or extraordinary emergency exists under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8306, 8316).

(ii) Determination that an emergency or extraordinary emergency exists under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7715, 7772).

(iii) Approval of requests for apportionment of reserves for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, and animal diseases to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions (31 U.S.C. 1512).

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### § 2.23 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

(a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of

Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations:

(1) *Related to congressional affairs.* (i) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional matters in the Department.

(ii) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative matters of concern to the Department.

(2) *Related to intergovernmental affairs.* (i) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs including State and local government relations and liaison with:

(A) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture;

(B) Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Vice President);

(C) Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;

(D) Council of State Governments;

(E) National Governors Conference;

(F) National Association of Counties;

(G) National League of Cities;

(H) International City Managers Association;

(I) U.S. Conference of Mayors; and

(J) Such other State and Federal agencies, departments and organizations as are necessary in carrying out the responsibilities of this office.

(ii) Maintain oversight of the activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional councils.

(iii) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A-85 to provide advance notification to state and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.

(iv) Act as the department representative for Federal executive board matters.

(v) Serve as the official with the principal responsibility for the implementation of Executive Order 13175, including consultation and collaboration with tribal officials, and coordinate the Department's programs involving assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

(b) [Reserved]

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