

Office Of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ)

Hearing Clerk Manual - Acts Administered

Statuary Proceedings Conducted by Administrative Law Judges, Rules of Practice, and Agencies Administering the Statute. We are in the process of updating this page.

Short Name	Acronym	U.S. Code	C.F.R. Rules of Practice	Agency ¹	Summary of the Purpose of the Act. ²
Salary Offfset Act	S.O.A.	5 U.S.C. § 5514	Disciplinary ³ 7 CFR § 1951.101 - 111 	FSA	The S.O.A. [Act] provides for the use of salary, retirement, and IRS refunds to offset and to collect for any USDA credit agency program debt obligations.
United States Cotton Standards Act	U.S.C.S.A.	7 U.S.C. § 51 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	AMS	The U.S.C.S.A. [Act] establishes official cotton quality standards; provides for licensed inspectors for classification of cotton thereof; and regulates the sale, advertisement, description, and designation of cotton by such classifications.
United States Grain Standards Act	U.S.G.S.A.	7 U.S.C. § 71 et seq. 5 U.S.C. § 556/557 5 U.S.C § 85, 87c(a)	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Licensing 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	AMS	The U.S.G.S.A. [Act] promotes and protects the interests of producers, merchandisers, warehousemen, processors and consumers of grain; and provides for the establishment of uniform grain standards; provides a uniform inspection system; and regulates the weighing and certification of grain, whether shipped interstate or to foreign markets.
United States Grain Standards Act. (Licensed Inspectors Revocation)	L.I.R.	7 U.S.C. § 85	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	GIPSA	This section of the U.S.G.S.A. [Act] provides a final revocation hearing to licensed inspectors whose license has been tentatively suspended for enumerated offenses.
Regulation, Inspection and Cleaning of vehicles used in entry into the U.S.		7 U.S.C. § 149 et seq	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	This Act provides authorizes the Secretary to inspect, regulate, and require cleaning of railway cars and other vehicles which may harbor and/or carry plant pests.

Federal Plant Pests Act	P.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 150aa et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The P.P.A. [Act] prohibits the importation, moving interstate, mailing, or shipping of any plant pest, and provides for an inspection and certification regime.
Nursery Stock and Products A (Plant Quarantine)	Act N.S.P.A. (P.Q)	7 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The P.Q. [Act] prohibits and/or regulates the importation, movement, mailing, or shipping of any nursery stock and/or plant products unless unrestricted by the USDA and provides for an inspection and certification regime.
Packers and Stockyards Act	P.& S.	7 U.S.C. §181 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 7 CFR § 2.2338 Regulatory 9 CFR § 2 - 2.2338	GIPSA	The P.& S. [Act] protects producers and consumers from the deleterious practices of middlemen, the use of monopolistic, unfair, and deceptive practices; so as to protect farmers and ranchers from receiving less than fair market value for their livestock; promotes free competition among buyers; and protects consumers from unfair practices.
United States Warehouse Act	U.S.W.A.	7 U.S.C. § 241 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	AMS	The U.S.W.A. [Act] establishes the licensing of bonded warehouse(s) which may be designated suitable for proper storage of specific agricultural products/produce and also licenses person(s) competent to weigh, inspect, sample, classify, grade, and otherwise certify products to be stored in such warehouses.

Capper - Volsted Act		7 U.S.C § 292 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151	AMS	The Act sets out criteria by which producers of agricultural products may act in a collective fashion despite the anti- competitive nature of the association and provides rules of membership and rules to prevent monopolization and restraint of trade.
Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act	P.A.C.A.	7 U.S.C. § 499a et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Licensing 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory	AMS	The P.A.C.A. [Act] regulates and controls the activities of the interstate business of shipping and handling of perishable agricultural commodities by commission merchants, dealers, or brokers so as to protect the financial interests of the producers of those commodities.
Tobacco Inspection Act	T.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 511 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Rules of Practice 7 CFR § 29.3	AMS/ ASCA	The T.I.A. [Act] protects the producers of wholesale tobacco by providing for the inspection, grading and classification of domestic and imported tobacco in auction sales and makes such inspections mandatory.
Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act	A.M.A.A.	7 U.S.C. § 608c(14)(B) et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 900.118	AMS	The A.M.A.A. [Act] provides orderly and stable market conditions in a specific list of agriculture produce/products by the entering into marketing agreements between the USDA and producers and handlers regarding price, grades, and quality. Under sub-section (14)(B), an alleged violator of the Agreement may be assessed a civil penalty for any violation.

Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act	A.M.A.A.	7 U.S.C. § 608c(15)(A) et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory ⁴ 7 CFR § 900.5071 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 900.118	AMS	The A.M.A.A. [Act] provides orderly and stable market conditions in a specific list of agriculture produce/products by the entering into marketing agreements between the USDA and producers and handlers regarding price, grades, and quality. Under sub-section (15)(A), affected parties (Handlers) may petition for a hearing to determine whether the terms of the proposed Marketing Agreement is unlawful.
Commodity Price Support Program for Tobacco (Tobacco Inspection and Price Support)	T.I.P.S.	7 U.S.C. § 1445 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Rules of Practice 7 CFR § 29.3	AMS/ ASCA	The T.I.P.S. [Act] provides economic stability to basic agriculture commodities (domestic tobacco) by the regulation of acreage, allotments, production goals, quotas, and price supports and provides a regulatory scheme allowing civil penalties for violation thereof.
Farm Crop Insurance Act	F.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	FCIC	The F.C.I.A. [Act] promotes the national welfare by improving the economic stability of agriculture through the underwriting of insurance policies as a risk management option for crop failures in conjunction with other risk management strategies to insure the best possible outcome each crop year.
Federal Seed Act	F.S.A.	7 U.S.C. § 1551 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The F.S.A. [Act] regulates the advertisement and sale of certified agriculture seeds so as to control false advertisement, mislabeling, mishandling thereof, or addition of deleterious materials (noxious weeds) of/to agriculture seeds; and regulates or prohibits the importation of certain seeds.

	ent of Inspection and g Services	I. & G.	7 U.S.C. § 1622(h) et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The I. & G. [Act] provides for civil money penalties and debarment as penalties for false, counterfeit, or altered certificates, labels or marks.
	ing and Agriculture ts Act. (Inspection and g)	I. & G.	7 U.S.C. § 1622(h) et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The I. & G. [Act] provides for the inspection, certification, and identification of agricultural products by class, quality, quantity, and condition when shipped or received in interstate commerce.
Food S	tamp Program	F.S.P.	7 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 7 CFR § 283.4 - 283.32	ERS	The F.S.P. promotes the general welfare, well-being, and safeguards the health and nutrition of low-income households through a nationwide program using vouchers (food stamps) to permit those households to obtain a more nutritious diet; provides criteria for eligibility; and provides for civil money penalties and debarment for misuse of the program.
Cotton Act	Research and Promotion	C.R.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 2101 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory ² 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	GIPSA	The C.R.P.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through assessments on all cotton marketed and imported) of an effective and coordinated program of research and promotion to strengthen cotton's competitive position, and expand the foreign and domestic market position of domestic cotton.

Animal Welfare Act	A.W.A.	7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The A.W.A. [Act] insures that animals intended for use in research facilities, for exhibition, for use as pets; for sale; or for auction are provided humane care and treatment; assures humane treatment of animals during transportation; and protects the owners of animals from theft of their animals by prohibiting traffic in stolen animals.
Plant Variety Protection Act	P.V.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 2321 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The P.V.P.A. [Act] provides for the protection of developed new varieties of plants and/or hybrids, their propagation seeds, bulbs, and tubers which are distinct and identifiable.
Potato Research and Promotion Act	P.R.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 2611 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 ——————————————————————————————————	AMS	The P.R.P.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for the development and financing (through assessments on all potatoes harvested and imported) of an effective and coordinated program of research, development, advertisement and promotion so as to strengthen potatoes's competitive position and expand the foreign and domestic markets for the potato industry.

Egg Research & Information Act	E.R.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 ——————————————————————————————————	AMS	The E.R.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for the development and financing (through adequate assessments) of a coordinated program of research, consumer and producer education, and promotion designed to strengthen egg industry's competitive position and to develop foreign and domestic markets for domestic eggs, egg products, spent fowl, and products of spent fowl.
Beef Produce and Research Act	B.P.R.A.	7 U.S.C. § 2901 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The B.P.R.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for financing (through assessment on all cattle sold in the U.S. and imported) and carrying out a coordinated program of promotion and research so as to strengthen the beef industry's position in the marketplace and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for beef and beef products.
Wheat and Wheat Foods Research and Nutrition Education Act	W.F.R.N.E.A.	7 U.S.C. § 3401 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 ——————————————————————————————————	AMS	The W.F.R.N.E.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for financing (through adequate assessment) and for development of a coordinated program of research and nutrition education designed to improve and enhance the quality to make the most efficient use of wheat in the U.S.
Swine Health Program Act	S.H.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 3804, 3805 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The S.H.P.A. [Act] closely regulates and controls the feeding of garbage to swine to prevent the spreading of disease.

Floral Research a Consumer Inform		F.R.N.C.I.A	7 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.	.Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The F.R.N.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for the development and financing (through an adequate assessment) of an effective and coordinated program of research, consumer and producer education, and promotion designed to strengthen the floral industry in the marketplace, expand domestic markets for flowers, and. flowering plants.
Honey Research, Consumer Inform		H.R.P.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The H.R.P.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for the development and financing (through an adequate assessment) of an effective and coordinated program of promotion, research, consumer education and industry information designed to strengthen the honey industry in the marketplace, expand domestic and foreign markets for honey; improve competitiveness and efficiency of honey industry; and sponsor research relating to diseases.
Pork Promotion, Consumer Inform	· · · · · ·	P.P.R.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 4801 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The P.P.R.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through an adequate assessment), and carrying out of an effective and coordinated program of promotion, research, consumer education designed to strengthen and expand the market position of the pork industry.

Watermelon Research and Promotion Act	W.R.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 4901 et seq.	.Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The W.R.P.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through an adequate assessment on watermelons harvested or imported in the U.S.), and carrying out of an effective and coordinated program of research, development, advertising, and promotion designed to strengthen the watermelon's market position and expand domestic and foreign markets for watermelons.
Pecan Promotion and Research Act	P.P.R.A.	7 U.S.C. § 6001 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	AMS	The P.P.R.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through an adequate assessment on pecans produced or imported in the U.S.), and carrying out an effective, coordinated program of promotion, research, industry information, and consumer education designed to strengthen the pecan's position in the marketplace and expand the domestic and foreign markets.
Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act	M.P.R.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The M.P.R.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through adequate assessments on mushrooms produced domestically or imported), and carrying out an effective and coordinated program of promotion, research, and consumer education and industry information designed o as to strengthen the mushroom industry's market position and expand the existing and develop new markets.

Lime Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act	L.R.P.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The L.P.R.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development and financing (through adequate assessments) of an effective and coordinated program of research, promotion, and consumer information designed to strengthen the position of the limes industry in domestic and foreign market; expand markets for limes; and treat domestic and imported limes equitably.
Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act	S.P.R.C.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMS	The S.P.R.C.I.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development; financing (through assessments on domestic soybeans); and implementation a program of promotion, research, consumer information, and industry information designed to strengthen the soybeans industry's market position; expand the existing domestic and foreign markets; and develop new markets.
Processor-Funded Milk Promotion Program	F.M.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 6401 et seq	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 Regulatory 7 CFR § 1200.5052 7 CFR § 900.52(c)(2)71 Rulemaking 7 CFR § 1200.120	AMA	The F.M.P.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through assessments on domestic fluid milk products), and carrying out an effective program of promotion, research, and consumer information designed to strengthen the dairy industry's market position and expand the existing domestic and foreign markets and the uses for fluid milk products with the goal being a national goal and which results in government speech.

National Organic Program	N.O.P.	7 U.S.C § 6501	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151	AMS	The N.O.P. [Act] establishes national standards governing the marketing of organically produced products in order to facilitate interstate commerce in organically produced fresh and processed food and provides for a certification program, USDA labeling, and civil money penalties for false, or misuse of USDA labels.
Fresh Cut Flowers and Fresh Cut Greens Promotion and Information Act	F.C.F.G.P.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 6801 et. seq	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 ——————————————————————————————————	AMS	The F.C.F.G.P.I.A. [Act] authorizes the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through adequate assessments on wholesale cut flowers and cut greens to domestic retailers) of an effective and coordinated program of generic promotion, consumer education and related research designed to strengthen the cut flowers and greens industry's market position and expand existing markets, and develop new mark ets.
Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information Act	S.P.R.I.A.	7 U.S.C. § 7101 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 ——————————————————————————————————	AMS	The S.P.R.I.A. [Act] authorizes an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through adequate assessments on domestic or imported sheep), and carrying out of an effective and coordinated program of promotion, research, consumer information, education, and industry information designed to strengthen the position of the sheep industry and expand the market position of sheep and sheep products.

Plant Protection Act	P.P.A.	7 U.S.C. § 7701	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151	APHIS	The P.P.A. [Act] authorizes the Secretary to control, eradicate, suppress, or retard the spread of plant pests and/or noxious weeds existing in agriculture products which move in interstate commerce, importation, or exportation.
Horse Protection Act	H.P.A.	15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The H.P.A. [Act] prevents the cruel and inhumane treatment of horses by persons causing or allowing the horses to be "sored" for the purposes of enhancing their appearance or performance while showing, exhibiting, or selling of horses.
National Veterinarian Accreditation Program.	N.V.A.P.	15 U.S.C. § 1828 9 C.F.R. § 161 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The N.V.A.P. [Act] maintains the effective cooperation, utilization, training and accrediting of private veterinary practitioners for USDA regulatory work in a manner that is consistent with international trade requirements and safeguarding animal health.
Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act	F.R.C.S.R.A.	16 U.S.C. § 620 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	FS	The F.R.C.S.R.A provides for conservation of U.S. Forestry resources by requiring handlers of unprocessed timber keep records of the origin of timber that they handle with civil money penalties and debarments for unauthorized harvesting of timbers from Federal Lands.

Endangered Species Act	E.S.A.	16 U.S.C. § 1540 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The E.S.A. [Act] provides that all fish or wildlife or plants taken, possessed, sold, purchased, offered for sale or purchase, transported, delivered, received, carried, shipped, exported, or imported contrary to the provisions of this chapter (or any regulation made pursuant thereto or any permit or certificate issued thereunder) shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States.
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Lacey Act Amendments		16 U.S.C. § 3373(a) & (b)	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	FS	The Lacy Amendments. [Act] provides that all fish or wildlife or plants taken, possessed, sold, purchased, offered for sale or purchase, transported, delivered, received, carried, shipped, exported, or imported contrary to the provisions of this chapter (or any regulation made pursuant thereto or any permit or certificate issued thereunder) shall be subject to civil money penalties and forfeiture of hunting and fishing licenses.
Crimes & Criminal Procedure Bribes, Graft and Conflicts of Interest		18 U.S.C. § 201(c)(1)(A)	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	FS	The purpose of this section of the Federal Penal Code is to provide a statutory basis for the denial of USDA inspection services of various agriculture products after opportunity for a hearing.
Animal, Meats, Dairy Products Act (Animal Quarantine and Related Acts)	A.Q.	21 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The A.Q. [Act] prohibits, restricts, or quarantines (at the owners expense) the importation and/or shipment of all or any class of animals which are diseased or have been exposed to disease.

Viruses, Serums, Toxins, Antitoxins and Analogous Products Act	V.S.T.A.	21 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	APHIS	The V.S.T.A. [Act] prohibits the preparation, sale, and shipment of contaminated, dangerous, harmful, worthless virus; serum; toxin; or analogous products intended for use in the treatment of domestic animals.
Poultry and Poultry Products Inspection Act	P.P.P.I.A.	21 U.S.C. § 451 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	FSIS	The P.P.P.I.A. [Act] protects the health and welfare of consumers by assuring that poultry products distributed to them are wholesome; not adulterated; and properly packaged, marked, and labeled.
Federal Meat Inspection Act	F.M.I.A.	21 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	FSIS	The F.M.I.A. [Act] protects the source of the nation's food supply from unwholesome, adulterated, mislabeled, or deceptively packaged meat products which are shipped/moved in interstate and/or foreign commerce; and prevents unfair competition with agriculture produce which is wholesome, un-adulterated, properly labeled, and packaged.
Egg Products Inspection Act	E.P.I.A.	21 U.S.C. § 1031 et seq	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151 	AMS	The E.P.I.A. [Act] provides for the: inspection of certain egg products; restrictions upon the disposition of certain qualities of eggs; uniformity of standards for eggs; regulation of the storage temperatures, processing, and distribution of eggs and egg products so as to prevent the movement or sale for human food of eggs and egg products which are adulterated, not properly labeled or misbranded.

Federal Land Policy and Management Act	F.L.P.M.A.	43 U.S.C. § 1766 et seq	Disciplinary 7 CFR § 1.130 - 1.151	FS	The F.L.P.M.A. [Act] provides for the owner of a right-of-way to receive an administrative hearing when a right-of-way related to Federal lands is suspended or terminated by the Secretary due to abandonment or non-compliance of a condition.
Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension		Executive Order No. 12549, 51 Fed. Reg. 6370 7 CFR 3107.100		Misc.	The Executive Order provides for an administrative hearing to decide cases involving debarment from participating in contracts with the Federal government.

1.. USDA Agency Acronyms

- P &S A Packers and Stockyard Administration
- FSIS Food Safety and Inspection Service
- APHIS Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service
- AMS Agricultural Marketing Service
- FS Forestry Service
- FSA Farm Service Agency
- FCIC Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.
- GIPSA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.
- ERS Economic Research Service (Food Stamps and WIC Programs)

2. The purpose of the Act is generally taken from the purpose clause of the Act.

3.Under the rules of procedure for disciplinary proceedings, a Respondent may appeal a finding by a USDA agency that has charged a violation of the statutory and/or regulatory standards. The matter may be heard by an ALJ under these rules of procedure.

4.Under the rules of procedure for challenges of the regulatory procedures of USDA agencies which regulate agriculture markets, interested parties with standing may request a hearing by an ALJ under these rules.