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### § 2610.4 Requests for service.

(a) Heads of USDA agencies will direct requests for audit or investigative service to the AIG/A, AIG/I, RIG/A, RIG/I, or to other OIG audit or investigation officials responsible for providing service of the type desired in the geographical area where service is desired.

(b) Agency officials or other employees may, at any time, direct to the personal attention of the IG any audit or investigation matter that warrants such attention.

(c) Other persons may address their communications regarding audit or investigative matters to: The Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 2301, Washington, DC 20250. Additionally, persons may call or write the hotline office at 202-690-1622, 1-800-424-9121, TDD 202-690-1202, or Office of Inspector General, PO Box 23399, Washington, DC 20026. Bribes involving USDA programs may be reported using the 24 hour bribery hotline number at 202 720-7257.

### § 2610.5 Delegations of authority.

(a) AIG's listed in §2610.2; and RIG's listed in §2610.3, are authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to carry out their assigned functions. This authority may be redelegated.

(b) The IG reserves the right to establish audit and investigation policies, program, procedures, and standards; to allocate appropriated funds; to determine audit and investigative jurisdiction; and to exercise any of the powers or functions or perform any of the duties referenced in the above delegation.

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### PART 2620—AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

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#### § 2620.1 General statement.

This part is issued in accordance with, and subject to, the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture §1.1 through §1.23 (and appendix A of subpart A of part 1) of this title, implementing the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and governs the availability of records of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to the public upon request.

#### § 2620.2 Public inspection and copying.

5 U.S.C. 522(a)(2) requires that certain materials be made available for public inspection and copying, and that a current index of these materials be published quarterly or otherwise made available. OIG does not maintain any materials within the scope of these requirements.

#### § 2620.3 Requests.

(a) Requests for OIG records shall be in writing in accordance with §1.6(a) of this title and addressed to the Assistant Inspector General for Policy Development and Resources Management (AIG/PD&RM), Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 2310, Washington, DC 20250. The above official is hereby delegated authority to make determinations regarding such requests in accordance with §1.3(a)(3) of this title.

(b) Requests should be reasonably specific in identifying the record requested and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the requester.

(c) Available records may be inspected and copied in the office of the AIG/PD&RM, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time on regular working days or may be obtained by mail. Copies will

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be provided upon payment of applicable fees, unless waived or reduced, in accordance with the Department's fee schedule as set forth in appendix A of subpart A of part 1 of this title.

**§ 2620.4 Denials.**

If the AIG/PD&RM determines that a requested record is exempt from mandatory disclosure and that discretionary release would be improper, the AIG/PD&RM shall give written notice

of denial in accordance with §1.8(a) of this title.

**§ 2620.5 Appeals.**

The denial of a requested record may be appealed in accordance with §1.6(e) of this title. Appeals shall be addressed to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 2301, Washington, DC 20250. The Inspector General will give prompt notice of the determination concerning an appeal in accordance with §1.8(d) of this title.