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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

7 CFR Part 16

RIN 0503-AA73

Partnerships With Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations; Correction

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASCR), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Final rule; correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights is correcting a final rule which appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 4, 2024. This final rule amends the USDA's regulations to clarify protections for beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries of federally funded social services and the rights and obligations of organizations providing such services. The overarching goal of the regulation noted the rule is intended to cover recipients and subrecipients of domestic social service programs. However, the regulatory language did not reference social service programs. The current regulatory text specifies the policy applies to all recipients and subrecipients of USDA assistance to which USDA uniform administrative requirements for recipients applies, and to recipients and subrecipients of Commodity Credit Corporation assistance that is administered by agencies of USDA. The amendment will specifically state the rule is intended to cover recipients and subrecipients of USDA domestic social service programs to which USDA uniform administrative requirements for recipients applies.

DATES: This rule is effective May 18, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USDA is issuing a correction to its regulations in 7 CFR part 16, which were amended by a final rule that published in the **Federal Register** on March 4, 2024 (89 FR 15671).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 16

Administrative practice and procedure, Grant programs.

Accordingly, 7 CFR part 16 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 16—EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 16 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 42 U.S.C. 2000bb *et seq.*; E.O. 13279, 67 FR 77141, 3 CFR, 2002 Comp., p. 258; E.O. 13280, 67 FR 77145, 3 CFR, 2002 Comp., p. 262; E.O. 13559, 75 FR 71319, 3 CFR, 2010 Comp., p. 273; E.O. 13831, 83 FR 20715, 3 CFR, 2018 Comp., p. 806; E.O. 14015, 86 FR 10007, 3 CFR, 2021 Comp., p. 517.

■ 2. Amend § 16.1 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 16.1 Purpose and applicability.

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(b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this part, the policy outlined in this part applies to all recipients and subrecipients of USDA domestic social service programs to which 2 CFR part 400 applies, and to recipients and subrecipients of Commodity Credit Corporation assistance that is administered by agencies of USDA for the purpose of domestic social service programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

7 CFR Part 15f

RIN 0503-AA88

Removing Outdated and Unnecessary Provisions

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary (OSEC) is in the process of reviewing regulations within its purview to reduce regulatory burdens and costs. Pursuant to this review, OSEC identified obsolete, unnecessary, and outdated provisions in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR). OSEC is removing the provision identified in Part 15f to streamline and clarify the dictates of Title 7 of the CFR.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This Rule is effective on April 17, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Executive Order (E.O.) 14219, Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Derogatory Initiative, 90 FR 10583, and subsequent implementing memorandum(s) directed agency heads to review regulations within their purview and rescind those that are, among other things, unlawful or unnecessary. OSEC has undertaken such a review and is accordingly rescinding obsolete, unnecessary, and outdated provisions from Title 7 of the CFR.

Regulatory Certifications

Executive Orders

This Rule does not meet the criteria for a significant regulatory action as specified by E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review. No federalism or tribal implications were identified by taking this action and rescinding Part 15f will not impose substantial unreimbursed compliance costs on