(xxvii) Conduct diagnostic and related activities necessary to prevent, detect, control or eradicate foot-and-mouth disease and other foreign animal diseases (21 U.S.C. 113a);

(xxviii) The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, sections 203, 205, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624), with respect to voluntary inspection and certification of animal products; inspection, testing, treatment, and certification of animals; and a program to investigate and develop solutions to the problems resulting from the use of sulfonamides in swine;

(xxix) Talmadge Aiken Act (7 U.S.C. 450) with respect to cooperation with States in control and eradication of plant and animal diseases and pests;

(xxx) The Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2801–2814):

(xxxi) The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544);

(xxxii) Executive Order 11987, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 116;

(xxxiii) Section 101(d), Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 430);

(xxxiv) The Swine Health Protection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3801–3813);

(xxxv) Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3371–3378);

(xxxvi) Title III (and title IV to the extent that it relates to activities under title III,) of the Federal Seed Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1581–1610);

(xxxvii) Authority to prescribe the amounts of commuted traveltime allowances and the circumstances under which such allowances may be paid to employees covered by the Act of August 28, 1950 (7 U.S.C. 2260);

(xxxviii) The Act of March 2, 1931 (7 U.S.C. 426–426b);

(xxxix) The Act of December 22, 1987 (7 U.S.C. 426c);

(xl) Authority to work with developed and transitional countries on agricultural and related research and extension, with respect to animal and plant health, including providing technical assistance, training, and advice to persons from such countries engaged in such activities and the stationing of scientists of national and international institutions in such countries (7 U.S.C. 3291(a)(3));

(xli) Authority to prescribe and collect fees under the Act of August 31, 1951, as amended (31 U.S.C. 9701), and sections 2508 and 2509 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (21 U.S.C. 136, 136a), as amended:

(xlii) The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 156; (xliii) Enter into cooperative research and development agreements with industry, universities, and others; institute a cash award program to reward scientific, engineering, and technical personnel; award royalties to inventors; and retain and use royalty income (15 U.S.C. 3710a–3710c); and

(xliv) The Alien Species Prevention and Enforcement Act of 1992 (39 U.S.C. 3015 note).

(3) Related to grain inspection, packers and stockyards. (i) Exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the U.S. Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71–87h).

(ii) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627), relating to inspection and standardization activities relating to grain.

(iii) Administer the Packers and Stockyards Act, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181–229).

(iv) Enforce provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1601–1655, 1681–1681t) with respect to any activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented.

(v) Exercise the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture contained in section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1631).

(4) Related to committee management. Establish and reestablish regional, State, and local advisory committees for activities under his or her authority. This authority may not be redelegated.

(5) Related to defense and emergency preparedness. Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061, et seq.), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195, et seq.), concerning protection of livestock, poultry and crops and products thereof from biological and chemical warfare; and utilization or disposal of livestock and poultry exposed to radiation.

(6) Related to biotechnology. Coordinate the development and carrying out by Department agencies of all matters and functions pertaining to the Department's regulation of biotechnology, and act as liaison on all matters and functions pertaining to the regulation of biotechnology between agencies within the Department and between the Department and governmental and private organizations. Provided, that with respect to biotechnology matters affecting egg products, the Assistant Secretary shall consult and coordinate activities of Department agencies with the Under Secretary for Food Safety.

(7) Related to environmental response. With respect to land and facilities under his or her authority, exercise the functions delegated to the Secretary by Executive Order 12580, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193, under the following provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("the Act"), as amended: (i) Sections 104(a), (b), and (c)(4) of

(i) Sections 104(a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(a), (b), and (c)(4)), with respect to removal and remedial actions in the event of release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment:

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(ii) Sections 104(e)–(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(e)–(h)), with respect to information gathering and access requests and orders; compliance with Federal health and safety standards and wage and labor standards applicable to covered work; and emergency procurement powers;

(iii) Section 104(i)(11) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(11)), with respect to the reduction of exposure to significant risk

to human health;

(iv) Section 104(j) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(j)), with respect to the acquisition of real property and interests in real property required to conduct a remedial action;

(v) The first two sentences of section 105(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(d)), with respect to petitions for preliminary assessment of a release or threatened release;

(vi) Section 105(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(f)), with respect to consideration of the availability of qualified minority firms in awarding contracts, but excluding that portion of section 105(f) pertaining to the annual report to Congress;

(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations of section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), and the granting of awards to individuals

providing information;

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund;

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action and identifying and notifying potentially responsible parties;

(x) Section 116(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9616(a)), with respect to preliminary assessment and site inspection of facilities;

(xi) Sections 117(a) and (c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9617(a) and (c)), with respect