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(o) Review by the Regional Director.

An appellate officer's decision is subject to review by the Regional Director, as provided in this paragraph.

(1) The Regional Director may affirm, reverse, modify, or remand the appellate officer's decision before the 30-day effective date of the decision provided in paragraph (k) of this section. The Regional Director may take any of these actions on or after the 30-day effective date by issuing a stay of the decision before the 30-day effective date. An action taken under paragraph (o)(1) of this section takes effect immediately.

(2) The Regional Director must provide a written explanation why an appellate officer's decision has been reversed, modified, or remanded.

(3) The Regional Director must promptly notify the appellant(s) of any action taken under paragraph (o) of this section.

(4) The Regional Director's decision to affirm, reverse, or modify an appellate officer's decision is a final agency action for purposes of judicial review.

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