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Subpart A—General Provisions and Definitions

§ 3560.1 Applicability and purpose.

(a) This part sets forth requirements, policies, and procedures for multi-family housing direct loan and grant

programs to serve eligible very-low, low- and moderate-income households. The programs covered by this part are authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949 and are:

(1) Section 515 Rural Rental Housing, which includes congregate housing, group homes, and Rural Cooperative Housing. Section 515 loans may be made to finance multi-family units in rural areas as defined in § 3560.11.

(2) Sections 514 and 516 Farm Labor Housing loans and grants. Housing under these programs may be built in any area with a need and demand for housing for farm workers.

(3) Section 521 Rental Assistance. A project-based tenant rent subsidy which may be provided to Rural Rental Housing and Farm Labor Housing facilities.

(b) The programs covered by this part provide economically designed and constructed rural rental, cooperative, and farm labor housing and related facilities operated and managed in an affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary manner.

§ 3560.2 Civil rights.

(a) All actions taken by recipients of loans and grants will be conducted without regard to race, color, religion, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin, age, or disability. These actions include any actions in the sale, rental, or advertising of the dwellings, in the provision of brokerage services, or in residential real estate transactions involving RHS assistance. It is unlawful for a borrower or grantee or an agent of a borrower or grantee:

(1) To refuse to make accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services that would provide a person with a disability an opportunity to use or continue to use a dwelling unit and all public and common use areas; or

(2) To refuse to provide a reasonable accommodation at the borrower's expense that would not cause an undue financial or administrative burden, or to refuse to allow an individual with a disability to make reasonable modifications to the unit at their own expense with the understanding that the owner may require the tenant to return the unit to its original condition when the unit is vacated by the tenant making the modifications (see § 3560.104(c)).

(b) Any tenant or prospective tenant seeking occupancy in or use of a multi-family housing project or related facility for which a loan or grant has been provided by the Rural Housing Service and who believes they are being discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status,