

not required. The text is also revised to reflect the delegation to the head of an organizational unit of the Department, instead of an administrator, because not all organizational units of the Department are headed by an administrator. Some additional changes to the proposed rule language are made in this interim final rule to improve grammar and conform to the plain English model of regulatory drafting.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 3017

Administrative practice and procedure, Debarment and suspension, Grant programs-agriculture, Loan programs-agriculture, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 3021

Administrative practice and procedure, Drug abuse, Grant programs-agriculture, Loan programs-agriculture, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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■ For the reasons stated in the common preamble, the United States Department of Agriculture amends 7 CFR chapter XXX, as follows:

■ 1. Part 3017 is revised to read as set forth in instruction 1 at the end of the common preamble.

PART 3017—GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

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