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SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1078-002

February 20, 2025

**ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

1. PURPOSE

On February 19, 2025, the President issued an Executive Order, *Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy*, which set forth the Administration's policy of reducing the size of the Federal government in order to minimize waste, fraud, abuse, and inflation and to promote American freedom and innovation. To that end, the President's order directed the termination of several Federal Advisory Committees and ordered the identification of additional unnecessary Federal Advisory Committees for termination.

2. POLICY

Consistent with the President's Executive Order and pursuant to my authority as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, 41 CFR 102-3.55(a)(2), and all other applicable authorities, I find that the following Federal Advisory Committees are unnecessary and accordingly terminate them to the maximum extent consistent with law:

- Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics
- Advisory Committee on Universal Cotton Standards
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animal and Animal Products
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Fruits and Vegetables
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, Oilseeds and Planting Seeds
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Processed Foods
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Sweeteners and Sweetener Products
- Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts, and Hemp
- Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board
- Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee
- General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan

- National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection
- National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods
- National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee
- Northwest Forest Plan Area Advisory Committee

3. EXISTING DIRECTIVES

This Secretary Memorandum revokes Departmental Regulation 1043-027, dated February 7, 2011, in its entirety due to updates to policies and Executive Orders.

Prior delegations of authority, administrative regulations, and other directives not inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum will remain in full force and effect.

4. INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, are authorized to approve such transfers of funds, terminations, personnel, employment authority, space, records, property, and incidentals as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Memorandum.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This delegation is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 1 year from the effective date, or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum.

/s/ Brooke L. Rollins
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture