April 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Pat Dombroski
   Regional Administrator
   Mid-Atlantic Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s (PDA) request to extend its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution beyond its initial approved end date of April 26, 2020. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

PDA requested that USDA extend its initial approval to use USDA Foods from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for disaster household distribution. PDA will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance to approximately 835,000 individuals.

An extension is granted for disaster household distribution beginning April 27, 2020 through May 26, 2020. PDA is authorized to use the previously approved disaster household distribution food package to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. PDA must also follow same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated March 27, 2020.

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