April 17, 2020

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

TO: Bill Ludwig
   Regional Administrator
   Southwest Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to Texas Department of Agriculture’s (TDA) request to revise its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution. 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.

TDA requested that USDA revise its initial approval to use USDA Foods for disaster household distribution to include more counties to operate disaster assistance. TDA will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance to their initially approved 972,629 households (2,917,887 estimated individuals).

Approval is granted for TDA to amend its list of operating counties in its disaster household distribution application. TDA is authorized to use the previously approved USDA Foods for disaster household distribution to continue providing food assistance to impacted households. TDA must also follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 11, 2020.

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