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SUBJECT: Delegation of Employee Relations Authority

This memorandum updates the delegations of employee relations authority for Biotechnology Regulatory Services. The revised delegations are shown on the attached chart, which will be published online in the APHIS Human Resources Desk Guide (HRDG- Subchapter 4752) at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/business-services/forms_publications/hr_desk_guide/hrdg_4752/4752_sec_c#who.

The revised delegations are effective immediately. Please note that actions taken under this delegation:

(1.) May not be exercised with respect to an employee occupying a higher position in the chain of command;

(2.) Except for Caution or Warning memoranda, all correspondence must be prepared and/or reviewed by the servicing employee relations specialist to ensure that regulatory requirements are met;

(3.) Individuals functioning in an acting capacity may exercise these authorities to the extent that they are qualified;
(4.) Further redelegations or changes in delegations must be requested by memorandum to the Deputy Director, Employee & Management Services Division (EMSD), MRPBS; and,

(5.) The Deputy Director, EMSD, MRPBS, may suspend a delegation on a case-by-case basis if circumstances so warrant.

Inquiries from supervisors and managers on taking disciplinary or performance-based actions should be directed to the Chief, MRP Employee & Management Relations Branch by calling (301) 851-2610.

cc: Sarah Tuck, Acting Deputy Director, EMSD
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