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| Livestock Disaster Assistance Programs |              |
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| 1-LDAP                                 | Amendment 27 |

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## **Amendment Transmittal**

#### A Reasons for Amendment

Paragraph 428 has been amended to provide that LFP e-funds are maintained at the National level and to update contact information for requesting access.

Paragraph 437.5 has been added to provide that 2008 LFP payment authorization requests will be submitted through a SharePoint web site.

Paragraph 453 has been amended to provide that LIP e-funds are maintained at the National level and to update contact information for requesting access.

Paragraph 454 has been added to provide that 2008 LIP payment authorization requests will be submitted through a SharePoint web site.

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# \*--427 Payment Eligibility (Continued)

# **B** Eligibility Values (Continued)

| Eligibility Determination             | Value                       | Eligible for LFP |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Conservation Compliance -             | In Compliance               | Yes              |
| Farm/Tract Eligibility                | Partial Compliance          | Yes              |
|                                       | In Violation                | No               |
|                                       | No Association              | Yes              |
|                                       | Past Violation              | Yes              |
|                                       | Reinstated                  | Yes              |
| Controlled Substance                  | No Violation                | Yes              |
|                                       | Growing                     | No               |
|                                       | Trafficking                 | No               |
|                                       | Possession                  | No               |
| FCIC Fraud                            | Compliant                   | Yes              |
|                                       | Not Compliant               | No               |
| Person Eligibility – 2002 Farm Bill   | COC Determination Completed | Yes              |
|                                       | Not Filed                   | No               |
| <b>Note:</b> Applicable to 2008 only. | Awaiting Determination      | No               |
|                                       | Awaiting Revision           | No               |

# **C** Eligibility Conditions Priority

If a producer has multiple invalid subsidiary eligibility conditions, only the highest priority ineligible condition will be printed on the Nonpayment Register. The following is the priority of conditions.

| Priority | Condition               |  |
|----------|-------------------------|--|
| 1        | FCIC Fraud              |  |
| 2        | Conservation Compliance |  |
| 3        | Controlled Substance    |  |
| 4        | AD-1026                 |  |
| 5        | Person (2008 only)      |  |

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#### 428 Funds Control

### A eFunds Account

Funding for LFP has been established in eFunds with numeric accounting program code \*--"2571". LFP operates with a National allocation that does not require State or County allotments. State Office specialists with access to eFC Program Group Code--\* "app.fsa.efc.grp.PECD.REGULAR" will automatically have access to LFP eFund "2571".

As a rule, the National Office grants authority to the Regular eFC Program Group to no more than 2 State Office employees. \* \* \*

As a result of changes in personnel, State Offices may require a change to employees with eFunds authority. State Offices should, by e-mail, submit requests to add and/or remove employees to **all** of the National Office contacts listed in subparagraph B. The e-mail request should include the following information for each employee:

- employee name
- e-Authentication user ID.

**Note:** If the request increases the number of employees to more than 2, be sure to include an employee whose authority should be removed.

#### \*--B eFunds Allotment and Access

Efunds for LFP are maintained at the National level so State Office specialist with access to PECD.REGULAR will have read-only access. State Offices shall submit requests by e-mail for access and/or to remove employees to **all** of the following:

- lisa.berry@wdc.usda.gov
- tina.nemec@wdc.usda.gov
- lenior.simmons@wdc.usda.gov.--\*

#### **429-434** (Reserved)

# **B** Triggering Payments

Payments will be "triggered" through events that occur throughout the web-based software. As a result, processing will now be "behind the scenes" for the most part. Calculations and determinations will occur during the evening and nighttime hours without user intervention. The following is an explanation of the types of triggers that will occur during payment processing.

| Trigger   | Description   |
|-----------|---|
| Initial   | When payment software is released, a process will automatically run to            |
|           | determine all FSA-925's that are approved for payment. This will initiate the     |
|           | process described in subparagraph A and does <b>not</b> require any County Office |
|           | user interaction. The following will occur automatically:                         |
|           | payments will be sent to NPS for certification and signature                      |
|           | overpayments will be sent to NRRS.  |
| Primary   | Once the initial payments are triggered, subsequent payments will be initiated    |
|           | when County Office users approve FSA-925. Entering the COC approval date          |
|           | initiates the payment process for the selected FSA-925's.                         |
| Secondary | Payments that cannot be issued during any payment process are sent to the         |
|           | Nonpayment Report. If a condition causing the producer to be on the               |
|           | Nonpayment Report is corrected, the payment will be triggered to reprocess to     |
|           | determine if the payment can be issued.   |
|           |   |
|           | <b>Note:</b> See CM-9 for information on the nonpayment report.                   |
| Tertiary  | The payment system will periodically recalculate all payments.                    |

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# \*--437.5 2008 LFP Payment Processing

### A 2008 LFP Payments

2008 LFP payment processing has been disabled.

If an overpayment has occurred for a 2008 LFP payment, then enter the overpayment according to 64-FI.

To receive authorization to issue a 2008 LFP payment, State Offices shall submit a request through the SharePoint web site according to subparagraph B. The SharePoint web site will allow users to:

- submit:
  - documentation for the original request
  - additional documentation, when applicable
- track the status of the request
- obtain a copy of the authorization or denial
- notify the applicable National Office program specialist of the submitted request.

**Note:** Although the authorization or denial will be updated to the case documentation on the SharePoint web site by the applicable National Office program specialist, the official response will be e-mailed to SED and the requesting State Office specialist.

#### **B** SharePoint Web Site and User Guide

To provide documentation for payment authorization requests and to learn how to use the SharePoint web site, the following actions shall be completed:

- access the SharePoint web site at https://fsa.sc.egov.usda.gov/mgr/dafp/PECD/payment\_auth/default.aspx
- in the Shared Documents section, CLICK "SharePoint User Guide".

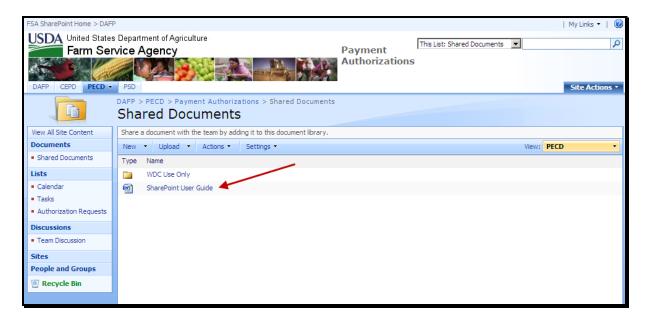
**Important:** The SharePoint User Guide will provide instructions on using the web site effectively, as well as the areas to be updated and areas designated for National Office use only.

It is advised that **all** applicable State Office specialists review the SharePoint User Guide to ensure that the SharePoint web site is used as effectively as possible.--\*

## \*--437.5 2008 LFP Payment Processing (Continued)

# **B** SharePoint Web Site and User Guide (Continued)

This following is an example of the SharePoint User Guide location.



## **C** Authorized Users

The SharePoint web site can be accessed only by State Office specialists who are responsible for programs administered by PECD.

To request access or provide State Office specialist personnel changes for LFP, the name of the specialist must be submitted in an e-mail to **all** of the following:

- tina.nemec@wdc.usda.gov
- lenior.simmons@wdc.usda.gov
- tracey.smith@wdc.usda.gov.--\*

### \*--437.5 2008 LFP Payment Processing (Continued)

### D Documentation for 2008 LFP Payment Request

The following documentation will be required for 2008 LFP payments that are due the producer, but were not issued before payment software was disabled:

- an explanation of why the 2008 LFP payment was **not** issued before payment software was disabled, including the payment amount being requested
- FSA-925

**Note:** Processing options for the 2008 LFP Application are open to allow the County Office to enter the most up-to-date information on the application. This will provide for proper calculations on the Estimated Calculated Payment Report.

• 2008 LFP Estimated Calculated Payment Report

**Note:** Ensure that FSA-925 has been updated with the most current information before printing the Estimated Calculated Payment Report.

2008 LFP Payment History Report – Detail for the producer

**Reminder:** If the producer is a joint operation, Payment History Report – Detail **must** be submitted for **each** member of the joint operation.

Payment History Report – Detail **must** be submitted for **each** combined producer, if applicable.

- 2008 MABDIG for each:
  - producer
  - affected member of the joint operation
- 2008 Subsidiary Eligibility print for **each**:
  - producer
  - affected member of the joint operation
- other documentation about the case, such as NAD decision, FSA-321's, or receivable report, if applicable.--\*

## \*--437.5 2008 LFP Payment Processing (Continued)

# **E** State Office Responsibility

State Offices shall:

- review the case file before submission to the National Office to ensure that the:
  - amount being requested has been earned by the producer
  - case file contains all required documentation as provided in subparagraph D before submitting the request
- upload payment authorization documentation through the SharePoint web site provided in subparagraph B
- be aware that authorization or denial will be:
  - e-mailed to SED and the requesting State Office specialist
  - available through the SharePoint web site
- ensure that State Office specialist personnel changes are provided to the National Office according to subparagraph C.--\*

# A Displaying or Printing LFP Payment Reports

LFP Payment Reports are available to provide information about each payment or nonpayment. Most of the payment reports have information that is common between program areas so information about these reports is in 9-CM. The Estimated Calculated Payment Report and the Payment History Report – Detail have program specific data so information for these reports is in 1-LDAP.

LFP Payment Report information is available according to the following.

| Report Name                         | Type of Data    | Reference          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Estimated Calculated Payment Report | Live            | paragraph 439      |
| Submitted Payments Report           | Live            | 9-CM, paragraph 63 |
| Submitted Overpayments Report       | Live            | 9-CM, paragraph 64 |
| Pending Overpayments Report         | Live            | 9-CM, paragraph 65 |
| Nonpayment/Reduction Report         | Report Database | 9-CM, paragraph 66 |
| Insufficient Funds Report           | Live            | 9-CM, paragraph 67 |
| Payments Computed to Zero Report    | Live            | 9-CM, paragraph 68 |
| Payment History Report – Summary    | Report Database | 9-CM, paragraph 69 |
| Payment History Report – Detail     | Report Database | paragraph 440      |

**Note:** See 9-CM, paragraph 52 for complete instructions on accessing the Common Payment Report System.

# \*--452 Payment Eligibility (Continued)

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|   | Past Violation              | Yes              |
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#### 453 Funds Control

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As a rule, the National Office grants authority to the regular eFC Program Group to **no** more than 2 State Office employees. This authority allows State Office employees to view the National allocation.--\*

As a result of changes in personnel, State Offices may require a change to the employees with eFunds authority. State Offices should e-mail requests to add and/or remove employees to **all** of the National Office contacts listed in subparagraph B. The e-mail request should include the following information for each employee:

- employee name
- eAuthentication user ID.

**Note:** If the request increases the number of employees to more than 2, ensure that the employee whose authority should be removed is included.

#### \*--B National Office Contacts

State Offices shall e-mail requests for changes to employees with eFunds authority to **all** of the following:

- lisa.berry@wdc.usda.gov
- tina.nemec@wdc.usda.gov
- lenior.simmons@wdc.usda.gov.--\*

### \*--454 2008 Authorized Payment Processing

## **A Payment Authorization Requests**

2008 LIP payment processing has been disabled. PECD authorization is required to issue these payments through the OLP web-based application.

To receive authorization to issue a 2008 LIP payment, State Offices shall submit a request through a SharePoint web site. The SharePoint web site will allow users to:

- submit:
  - documentation for the original request
  - additional documentation, when applicable
- track the status of the request
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**Note:** Although the authorization or denial will be updated to the case documentation on the SharePoint web site by the applicable National Office specialist, the official response will be e-mailed to SED and the requesting State Office program specialist.

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A User Guide is available for the SharePoint web site. State Offices may access the User Guide by:

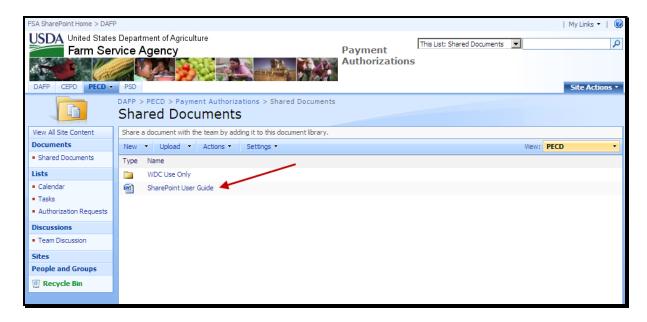
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The following is an example of the SharePoint User Guide location.



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**Note:** The current distribution lists maintained by PECD will be used to add authorized users to the SharePoint web site.

To request access to the web site or provide State Office Specialist personnel changes, submit an e-mail with the name of the specialist to **all** of the following:

- tina.nemec@wdc.usda.gov
- lenior.simmon@wdc.usda.gov
- tracey.smith@wdc.usda.gov.--\*

### D Documentation for 2008 LIP Payment Request

The following documentation must be submitted to request authorization to issue a 2008 LIP Payment:

- explanation about why the 2008 LIP payment was **not** issued before payment software was disabled
- FSA-914

**Note:** Processing options for the 2008 LIP Application are open to allow County Offices to enter the most up-to-date information on the application. This will provide for proper calculations on the Estimated Calculated Payment Report.

• 2008 LIP Estimated Calculated Payment Report

**Note:** Ensure that FSA-914 has been updated with the most current information before printing the Estimated Calculated Payment Report.

• 2008 LIP Payment History Report – Detail for the producer

**Reminders:** If the producer is a joint operation, Payment History Report – Detail **must** be submitted for **each** member of the joint operation.

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- ensure that State Office specialist personnel changes are provided to the National Office according to subparagraph C.--\*

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