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SUBJECT:

New Food Stamp Regulations  
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TO:

All Concerned

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Although the law was signed on August 10, 1973, the final regulations were just published in the July 15, 1974 Federal Register, Pages 25996-26008.

States must complete implementation of the new provisions which relate directly to the certification of households by November 1, 1974 for all new applications and any subsequent applications, and by March 1, 1975 for all other households.

The major changes are:

- \*\* Broaden eligibility categories to include the elderly in Federally-sponsored housing, and drug addicts and alcoholics in private nonprofit residential treatment facilities.
- \*\* Allow the elderly to use Food Stamps to purchase meals in specified communal dining situations.
- \*\* Require states to give welfare recipients the option to have the costs of their coupons deducted from their grant and the coupons mailed to them. States must implement this provision by July 1, 1975.
- \*\* Ban participation by strikers in the program after a court has determined the strike illegal.
- \*\* Reduce from 15 to 10 days the advance notice period given households whose benefits are being reduced or terminated.
- \*\* Require that after 30 days from the date of registration for employment all able-bodied Food Stamp recipients accept jobs outside their major field of employment.