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SUBJECT: FSP - Maine - Request to Waive Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act,
as Amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work
Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996

TO: Robert L. Canavan, Director
Food Stamp Program
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This is in response to the Maine State Agency's request to amend waiver 970315 to exempt individuals residing in the town of Samford of the Samford LMA from the work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents under Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA).

The State agency has provided data which indicates an average unemployment rate for the 24-month period beginning June 1995 and ending May 1997 which is 20 percent above the national average for the town of Samford. Therefore, we are amending waiver 970315 to exempt individuals residing in Samford from the work requirement provisions of Section 824 of the PRWORA. However, the term of the waiver for individuals residing in Samford will be limited to six months based on the trend of decreasing unemployment. The waiver for individuals residing in Samford will be effective October 1, 1997 and will expire on March 31, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact James A. Walsh of my staff at 703-305-2531.

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