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Transport, or otherwise acquire ownership or control of cotton.

§ 1205.312 Cotton-producing region.

Cotton-producing region means each of the following groups of cotton-producing States:

(a) Southeast Region: Alabama-Florida, Georgia, North Carolina-Virginia, and South Carolina;

(b) Midsouth Region: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri-Illinois, and Tennessee-Kentucky;

(c) Southwest Region: Oklahoma and Texas;

(d) Western Region: Arizona, California-Nevada, and New Mexico.

§ 1205.313 United States.

United States means the 50 States of the United States of America.

§ 1205.314 Cotton-producing State

Cotton-producing State means each of the following States and combinations of States:

Alabama-Florida; Arizona; Arkansas; California-Nevada; Georgia; Louisiana; Mississippi; Missouri-Illinois; New Mexico; North Carolina-Virginia; Oklahoma; South Carolina; Tennessee-Kentucky; Texas.

§ 1205.315 Marketing.

Marketing includes the sale of cotton or the pledging of cotton to the Commodity Credit Corporation as collateral for a price support loan.

§ 1205.316 Cotton-Producer organization.

Cotton-Producer organization means any organization which has been certified by the Secretary pursuant to § 1205.341.

§ 1205.317 Cotton-Importer organization.

Cotton-Importer organization means any organization which has been certified by the Secretary pursuant to § 1205.342.

§ 1205.318 Contracting organization or association.

Contracting organization or association means the organization or association with which the Cotton Board has entered into a contract or agreement pursuant to § 1205.328(c).

§ 1205.319 Establishment and membership.

(a) There is hereby established a Cotton Board composed of:

(1) Representatives of cotton producers, each of whom shall have an alternate, selected by the Secretary from nominations submitted by eligible producer organizations within a cotton-producing state, as certified pursuant to § 1205.341, or, if the Secretary determines that a substantial number of producers are not members of or their interests are not represented by any such eligible organizations, from nominations made by producers in a manner authorized by the Secretary, and

(2) Representatives of cotton importers, each of whom shall have an alternate, selected by the Secretary from nominations submitted by eligible importer organizations, as certified pursuant to § 1205.342, or, if the Secretary