or pork products will be entitled to only one vote; provided, however, that any member of a group may register to vote as an importer if he or she imports hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products in his or her own name.

(b) Proxy registration and voting. Proxy registration and voting is not authorized, except that an officer or employee of a corporate producer or importer, or any guardian, administrator, executor, or trustee of a producer’s or importer’s estate, or an authorized representative of any eligible producer or importer (other than an individual producer or importer), such as a corporation or partnership, may register and cast a ballot on behalf of that entity. Any individual who registers to vote in the referendum on behalf of any eligible producer or importer corporation or other entity must certify that he or she is authorized to take such action.

§ 1230.625 Time and place of registration and voting.

(a) Producers. The referendum shall be held for 3-consecutive days on September 19, 20, 21, 2000. Eligible producers shall register and vote on-site following the procedures in 1230.628. Producers shall register and vote during the normal business hours of each county FSA office or request absentee ballots from the county FSA offices by mail, telephone, or facsimile. The FSA county office shall record date of receipt of the “Pork Referendum” envelope containing the completed absentee ballot on the Absentee Voter Request List and place it unopened in a secure ballot box.

(b) Importers. The FSA headquarters office in Washington, DC, will:

1. Mail ballot packages to eligible importers upon request;
2. Have a sealed box or other designated receptacle for registration forms and ballots that is kept under observation during office hours and secured at all times; and
3. Mail copies of the Order to importers if requested by mail, telephone, or facsimile. Importers can also pickup a ballot in-person.

§ 1230.626 Facilities for registering and voting.

(a) Producers. Each county FSA office shall provide:

1. Adequate facilities and space to permit producers of hogs and pigs to register and to mark their ballots in secret;
2. A sealed box or other designated receptacle for registration forms and ballots that is kept under observation during office hours and secured at all times; and
3. Copies of the Order for review.

(b) Absentee ballots. Each FSA county office shall provide each producer an absentee ballot package upon request. Producers can pick up an absentee ballot in-person or request it by telephone, mail, or facsimile. The FSA county office will provide absentee ballots by mail for all requests received by telephone, mail, or facsimile. The FSA county office shall record date of receipt of the “Pork Referendum” envelope containing the completed absentee ballot on the Absentee Voter Request List and place it unopened in a secure ballot box.

(c) Importers. The FSA headquarters office in Washington, DC, will:

1. Mail ballot packages to eligible importers upon request;
2. Have a sealed box or other designated receptacle for registration forms and ballots that is kept under observation during office hours and secured at all times; and
3. Mail copies of the Order to importers if requested by mail, telephone, or facsimile. Importers can also pickup a ballot in-person.

§ 1230.627 Registration form and ballot.

(a) Producers. (1) A ballot (Form LS–72) and combined registration and certification form (Form LS–72–2) will be used for voting in-person. The information required on the registration form includes name, address, and telephone number. Form LS–72–2 also contains the certification statement referenced in § 1230.628. The ballot will require producers to check a “yes” or “no.”

(2) A combined registration and voting form (Form LS–73) will be used for absentee voting. The information required on this combined registration and voting form includes name, address, and telephone number. Form LS–73 also contains the certification statement referenced in § 1230.628. The ballot will require producers to check “yes” or “no.”

(b) Importers. A combined registration and ballot form (Form LS–76) will be