

(f) Such information may be furnished to the duly constituted authorities of any State, pursuant to a written agreement made under authority of section 10(i) of the Act, to the extent that such information is relevant to transactions within the regulatory jurisdiction of such authorities.

§ 900.211 Penalties.

Any official who shall have violated the provisions of § 900.210 by wilfully divulging, disclosing, or making public any information acquired by or furnished to or in the possession or custody of such official pursuant to the provisions of a marketing agreement or marketing order shall be subject to a penalty of \$100 for each offense. (The civil penalty provided in this section is prescribed under the authority contained in sec. 10(c) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 610(c)); this provision is not intended to supersede the provision in section 8d(2) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 608d(2)) for criminal liability and removal from office.)

Subpart—Procedure for Conduct of Referenda To Determine Producer Approval of Milk Marketing Orders To Be Made Effective Pursuant to Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as Amended

AUTHORITY: Secs. 1–19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

SOURCE: 30 FR 15412, Dec. 15, 1965, unless otherwise noted.

§ 900.300 General.

Unless otherwise prescribed, the procedure contained in this subpart shall be applicable to each producer referendum conducted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the issuance by the Secretary of a milk marketing order is approved or favored, as required under the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (48 Stat. 31, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 601–674). The procedure in this subpart replaces the procedure for conducting similar referenda (15 FR 5177) issued August 7, 1950.

§ 900.301 Definitions.

As used in this subpart and in all supplementary instructions, forms, and documents, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) *Act.* *Act* means Public Act No. 10, 73d Congress (48 Stat. 31), as amended, and as re-enacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (50 Stat. 246), as amended.

(b) *Department.* *Department* means the United States Department of Agriculture.

(c) *Secretary.* *Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

(d) *Administrator.* *Administrator* means the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, with power to re-delegate, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has been delegated or may hereafter be delegated to act in his stead.

(e) *Person.* *Person* includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association, and any other business unit.

(f) *Order.* *Order* means the marketing order (including an amendatory order) with respect to which the Secretary has directed that a referendum be conducted.

(g) *Producer.* *Producer* means any person who is a dairy farmer and who, during the representative period, met the requirements of the term *producer* as defined in the order had such order been in effect during the representative period.

(h) *Handler.* *Handler* means any person who, during the representative period, met the requirements of the term *handler* as defined in the order had such order been in effect during the representative period.

(i) *Referendum agent.* *Referendum agent* means the person designated by the Secretary to conduct the referendum.

(j) *Representative period.* *Representative period* means the period designated by the Secretary pursuant to section 8c of the Act (7 U.S.C. 608c).