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§ 1421.400 Applicability and abbreviations.

(a) This subpart sets forth the terms and conditions under which an entity which is a marketing association of peanut producers, or a subsidiary of such an entity, may qualify to become an eligible “designated marketing association” or “DMA” qualified to process peanut marketing assistance loans and peanut loan deficiency payments for peanut producers. This subpart only applies with respect to peanut loans and peanut loan deficiency payments.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 1421.401 DMA responsibilities.

(a) DMAs are eligible to process the marketing loans and loan deficiency payments provided for in this part only for peanut producers and only if the DMA and the producers and peanuts meet all eligibility criteria set out in this part, including, but not limited to, the DMA eligibility provisions of this subpart. In carrying out those functions, DMAs must:

1. Prepare and execute the appropriate CCC peanut MAL and LDP application documents;
2. Determine whether producers and the commodity are eligible for MALs and LDPs, including whether the otherwise eligible peanuts are free and clear of all liens which DMAs shall determine by performing lien searches at DMAs expense;
3. Instruct the holder of EWRs, if applicable, to notify the EWR provider to amend the EWR to show CCC is the holder;
4. Receive MAL and LDP documents from a DMA Service County Office;
5. Disburse peanut MALs and LDP proceeds to eligible producers;
6. Prepare and execute documents for MAL repayments;
7. Collect loan repayments from producers or buyers and transmitting these funds to CCC;
8. Transmit documents to render forfeited collateral to CCC; and
9. Collect data for reporting to CCC as required by CCC;

(b) As part of performing the responsibilities in paragraph (a) of this section, DMAs shall:

1. Become knowledgeable of and follow the procedures in CCC and FSA peanut program regulations, applicable notices published in the Federal Register, applicable FSA peanut program handbooks and amendments thereto, and any applicable notices or instructions issued by FSA and the Agricultural Marketing Service.
2. Make and service CCC peanut MALs and LDPs, only upon the presenting by producers or their agents of the warehouse receipts, unless otherwise directed by CCC.
3. Attend, at the DMAs expense, DMA peanut MAL, and LDP program training offered by CCC.
4. Provide sufficient personnel, computer hardware, computer communications systems, and software, as determined necessary by CCC, to administer the peanut MAL and LDP program.


§ 1421.402 DMA eligibility to process loans and loan deficiency payments.

(a) A DMA is eligible to process any marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payments only if approved in advance to handle such matters by the Farm Service Agency pursuant to this part; and:

1. The DMA meets the financial requirements and other requirements in this subpart and part;
2. The DMA is comprised solely of peanut producers or is a subsidiary of an organization of peanut producers;
3. The DMA is not controlled directly or indirectly by a person or entity that acquires peanuts for processing or crushing through a business involved in buying and selling peanuts or peanut products;
4. The DMA does not take title at any time to any peanuts for which it processes loans or loan deficiency payments, irrespective of whether such title is taken before or after those activities are performed. If such title or interest is taken, the DMA shall be responsible to return to CCC the full amount of the CCC proceeds disbursed with respect to the peanuts; and