

Public Law 103-276
103d Congress

An Act

July 5, 1994
[H.R. 4581]

To provide for the imposition of temporary fees in connection with the handling of complaints of violations of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

7 USC 499f
note.

SECTION 1. FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1930.

(a) **TEMPORARY FILING FEE REQUIRED.**—During fiscal years 1995 and 1996, the Secretary of Agriculture shall require persons who submit petitions to the Secretary under section 6(a) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499f(a)), alleging a violation of section 2 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 499b), to include a filing fee of \$60 per petition.

(b) **TEMPORARY HANDLING FEE REQUIRED.**—During fiscal years 1995 and 1996, if the Secretary determines under section 6(a) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499f(a)), that the facts contained in a petition described in such section warrant further action, the person or persons submitting the petition shall submit to the Secretary a handling fee of \$300. The Secretary may not forward a copy of the complaint to the commission merchant, dealer, or broker involved until after the Secretary receives the required handling fee. In determining the amount of damages incurred by an injured person or persons preparatory to issuing a reparation order under section 7 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 499g), the Secretary shall include the amount of any handling fee paid by the injured person or persons under this subsection.

(c) **DEPOSIT OF FEES.**—The Secretary shall deposit fees submitted under this section into the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Fund.

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