

does not include packaging popcorn for the market without also engaging in another activity described in this paragraph.

**(11) Processor**

The term “processor” means a person engaged in the preparation of unpopped popcorn for the market who owns or shares the ownership and risk of loss of the popcorn and who processes and distributes over 4,000,000 pounds of popcorn in the market per year.

**(12) Promotion**

The term “promotion” means an action, including paid advertising, to enhance the image or desirability of popcorn.

**(13) Research**

The term “research” means any type of study to advance the image, desirability, marketability, production, product development, quality, or nutritional value of popcorn.

**(14) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(15) State**

The term “State” means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

**(16) United States**

The term “United States” means all of the States.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title V, §573, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1075.)

**§ 7483. Issuance of orders**

**(a) In general**

To effectuate the policy described in section 7481(b) of this title, the Secretary, subject to subsection (b) of this section, shall issue 1 or more orders applicable to processors. An order shall be applicable to all popcorn production and marketing areas in the United States. Not more than 1 order shall be in effect under this subchapter at any 1 time.

**(b) Procedure**

**(1) Proposal or request for issuance**

The Secretary may propose the issuance of an order, or an association of processors or any other person that would be affected by an order may request the issuance of, and submit a proposal for, an order.

**(2) Notice and comment concerning proposed order**

Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a request and proposal for an order under paragraph (1), or at such time as the Secretary determines to propose an order, the Secretary shall publish a proposed order and give due notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed order.

**(3) Issuance of order**

After notice and opportunity for public comment under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall issue an order, taking into consideration the comments received and including in the order such provisions as are necessary to ensure that the order conforms to this subchapter.

The order shall be issued and become effective not later than 150 days after the date of publication of the proposed order.

**(c) Amendments**

The Secretary, as appropriate, may amend an order. The provisions of this subchapter applicable to an order shall be applicable to any amendment to an order, except that an amendment to an order may not require a referendum to become effective.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title V, §574, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1076.)

**§ 7484. Required terms in orders**

**(a) In general**

An order shall contain the terms and conditions specified in this section.

**(b) Establishment and membership of Popcorn Board**

**(1) In general**

The order shall provide for the establishment of, and appointment of members to, a Popcorn Board that shall consist of not fewer than 4 members and not more than 9 members.

**(2) Nominations**

The members of the Board shall be processors appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by processors in a manner authorized by the Secretary, subject to paragraph (3). Not more than 1 member may be appointed to the Board from nominations submitted by any 1 processor.

**(3) Geographical diversity**

In making appointments, the Secretary shall take into account, to the extent practicable, the geographical distribution of popcorn production throughout the United States.

**(4) Terms**

The term of appointment of each member of the Board shall be 3 years, except that the members appointed to the initial Board shall serve, proportionately, for terms of 2, 3, and 4 years, as determined by the Secretary.

**(5) Compensation and expenses**

A member of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for the expenses of the member incurred in the performance of duties for the Board.

**(c) Powers and duties of Board**

The order shall define the powers and duties of the Board, which shall include the power and duty—

(1) to administer the order in accordance with the terms and provisions of the order;

(2) to issue regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of the order;

(3) to appoint members of the Board to serve on an executive committee;

(4) to propose, receive, evaluate, and approve budgets, plans, and projects of promotion, research, consumer information, and industry information, and to contract with appropriate persons to implement the plans or projects;

(5) to accept and receive voluntary contributions, gifts, and market promotion or similar funds;