

*Pub. L. 112-40, see Codification and Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Revival notes below.*

#### CODIFICATION

Section 1893 of Pub. L. 111-5, which provided for Feb. 13, 2011, termination of amendment by Pub. L. 111-5, was repealed by Pub. L. 112-40, title II, § 201(a), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403, and the provisions of this section, as amended by Pub. L. 111-5 and as in effect on Feb. 12, 2011, were temporarily revived, effective Oct. 21, 2011, until Jan. 1, 2014, by Pub. L. 112-40, §§ 201(b), (c), 233. See 2009 and 2011 Amendment notes, Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment notes, and Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Revival note below.

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

#### AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-40, §§ 201(b), (c), 233, temporarily revived the provisions of this section, as in effect on Feb. 12, 2011. See Codification note above and 2009 Amendment and Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Revival notes below.

2009—Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-5, §§ 1881(1), 1893, temporarily amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘agricultural commodity’ means any agricultural commodity (including livestock) in its raw or natural state.” See Codification note above and Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment note below.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 111-5, §§ 1881(2), 1893, temporarily amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘agricultural commodity producer’ has the same meaning as the term ‘person’ as prescribed by regulations promulgated under section 1308(e) of title 7 (before the amendment made by section 1703(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008).” See Codification note above and Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment note below.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 111-5, §§ 1881(3), 1893, temporarily added par. (7). See Codification note above and Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment note below.

2008—Par. (2). Pub. L. 110-246, § 1603(g)(6), inserted “(before the amendment made by section 1703(a) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008)” before period at end.

2006—Par. (2). Pub. L. 109-280 substituted “1308(e)” for “1308(5)”.

#### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2011 REVIVAL

For temporary revival and applicability of provisions as in effect on Feb. 12, 2011, see sections 201(b), (c) and 233 of Pub. L. 112-40, set out as notes preceding section 2271 of this title. For reversion, beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, to provisions in effect on Feb. 13, 2011, with certain exceptions and subject to section 233(b) of Pub. L. 112-40, see section 233 of Pub. L. 112-40, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Except as otherwise provided and subject to certain applicability provisions, amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 effective upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on Feb. 17, 2009, see section 1891 of Pub. L. 111-5, set out as a note under section 2271 of this title.

Section 1893 of Pub. L. 111-5, which provided that, except as otherwise provided, amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 not applicable on or after Feb. 13, 2011, and that this section be applied and administered beginning Feb. 13, 2011, as if amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 had never been enacted, was repealed by Pub. L. 112-40, title II, § 201(a), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403. See Codification note above.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the

date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-280 applicable with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after Aug. 17, 2006, see section 1641 of Pub. L. 109-280, set out as a note under section 58c of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, § 141(b), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 953, as amended by Pub. L. 108-429, title II, § 2004(a)(10), Dec. 3, 2004, 118 Stat. 2590, provided that: “The amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle C [§§ 141 to 143] of title I of Pub. L. 107-210, enacting this part and amending section 2395 of this title] shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Aug. 6, 2002].”

#### TERMINATION DATE

Except as otherwise provided, technical assistance and financial assistance may not be provided under this section after Dec. 31, 2013, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

### § 2401a. Petitions; group eligibility

#### (a) In general

A petition for a certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance under this part may be filed with the Secretary by a group of agricultural commodity producers or by their duly authorized representative. Upon receipt of the petition, the Secretary shall promptly publish notice in the Federal Register that the Secretary has received the petition and initiated an investigation.

#### (b) Hearings

If the petitioner, or any other person found by the Secretary to have a substantial interest in the proceedings, submits not later than 10 days after the date of the Secretary’s publication under subsection (a) of this section a request for a hearing, the Secretary shall provide for a public hearing and afford such interested person an opportunity to be present, to produce evidence, and to be heard.

#### (c) Group eligibility requirements

The Secretary shall certify a group of agricultural commodity producers as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part if the Secretary determines that—

(1)(A) the national average price of the agricultural commodity produced by the group during the most recent marketing year for which data are available is less than 85 percent of the average of the national average price for the commodity in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year;

(B) the quantity of production of the agricultural commodity produced by the group during such marketing year is less than 85 percent of the average of the quantity of production of the commodity produced by the group in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year;

(C) the value of production of the agricultural commodity produced by the group during such marketing year is less than 85 per-

cent of the average value of production of the commodity produced by the group in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year; or

(D) the cash receipts for the agricultural commodity produced by the group during such marketing year are less than 85 percent of the average of the cash receipts for the commodity produced by the group in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year;

(2) the volume of imports of articles like or directly competitive with the agricultural commodity produced by the group in the marketing year with respect to which the group files the petition increased compared to the average volume of such imports during the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year; and

(3) the increase in such imports contributed importantly to the decrease in the national average price, quantity of production, or value of production of, or cash receipts for, the agricultural commodity, as described in paragraph (1).

**(d) Eligibility of certain other producers**

An agricultural commodity producer or group of producers that resides outside of the State or region identified in the petition filed under subsection (a) may file a request to become a party to that petition not later than 15 days after the date the notice is published in the Federal Register under subsection (a) with respect to that petition.

**(e) Treatment of classes of goods within a commodity**

In any case in which there are separate classes of goods within an agricultural commodity, the Secretary shall treat each class as a separate commodity in determining under subsection (c)—

- (1) group eligibility;
- (2) the national average price, quantity of production, or value of production, or cash receipts; and
- (3) the volume of imports.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §292, as added Pub. L. 107-210, div. A, title I, §141(a), Aug. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 947; amended Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title I, §1882(a), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 415; Pub. L. 112-40, title II, §201(b), (c), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403.)

REVERSION TO PROVISIONS IN EFFECT ON  
FEBRUARY 13, 2011

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2009—Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 111-5, §§1882(a), 1893, temporarily added subsecs. (c) to (e) and struck out former subsecs. (c) to (e), which related to eligibility requirements for groups of agricultural commodity producers to apply for adjustment assistance, a special rule for such groups after the first year of certification, and determination of qualified year and commodity, respectively. See Codification note above and Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment note below.

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**§2401b. Determinations by Secretary of Agriculture**

**(a) In general**

As soon as practicable after the date on which a petition is filed under section 2401a of this title, but in any event not later than 40 days after that date, the Secretary shall determine whether the petitioning group meets the requirements of section 2401a(c) of this title and shall, if the group meets the requirements, issue a certification of eligibility to apply for assistance under this part covering agricultural commodity producers in any group that meets the requirements. Each certification shall specify the date on which eligibility under this part begins.

**(b) Notice**

Upon making a determination on a petition, the Secretary shall promptly publish a summary of the determination in the Federal Register, together with the Secretary's reasons for making the determination.

**(c) Termination of certification**

Whenever the Secretary determines, with respect to any certification of eligibility under