

dures for financing, through adequate assessments, and carrying out an effective and coordinated program of promotion, research, and consumer information designed to—

(A) strengthen the position of the pork industry in the marketplace; and

(B) maintain, develop, and expand markets for pork and pork products.

(2) Such procedure shall be implemented, and such program shall be conducted, at no cost to the Federal Government.

(3) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to—

(A) permit or require the imposition of quality standards for pork or pork products;

(B) provide for control of the production of pork or pork products; or

(C) otherwise limit the right of an individual pork producer to produce pork and pork products.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1612, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1607.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1631, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1622, provided that: "This subtitle [subtitle B (§§ 1611-1631) of title XVI of Pub. L. 99-198, enacting this chapter] shall become effective on January 1, 1986."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1611, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1606, provided that: "This subtitle [subtitle B (§§ 1611-1631) of title XVI of Pub. L. 99-198, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985'."

§ 4802. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) The term "Board" means the National Pork Board established under section 4808 of this title.

(2) The term "consumer information" means an activity intended to broaden the understanding of sound nutritional attributes of pork or pork products, including the role of pork or pork products in a balanced, healthy diet.

(3) The term "Delegate Body" means the National Pork Producers Delegate Body established under section 4806 of this title.

(4) The term "imported" means entered, or withdrawn from a warehouse for consumption, in the customs territory of the United States.

(5) The term "importer" means a person who imports porcine animals, pork, or pork products into the United States.

(6) The term "order" means a pork and pork products promotion, research, and consumer information order issued under section 4803 of this title.

(7) The term "person" means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, organization, cooperative, or other entity.

(8) The term "porcine animal" means a swine raised for—

- (A) feeder pigs;
- (B) seedstock; or
- (C) slaughter.

(9) The term "pork" means the flesh of a porcine animal.

(10) The term "pork product" means a product produced or processed in whole or in part from pork.

(11) The term "producer" means a person who produces porcine animals in the United States for sale in commerce.

(12) The term "promotion" means an action, including paid advertising, taken to present a favorable image for porcine animals, pork, or pork products to the public with the intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating sales of porcine animals, pork, or pork products.

(13) The term "research" means—

(A) research designed to advance, expand, or improve the image, desirability, nutritional value, usage, marketability, production, or quality of porcine animals, pork, or pork products; or

(B) dissemination to a person of the results of such research.

(14) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(15) The term "State" means each of the 50 States.

(16) The term "State association" means—

(A) the single organization of pork producers in a State that is—

(i) organized under the laws of the State in which such association operates; and

(ii) recognized by the chief executive officer of such State as representing the pork producers of such State; or

(B) if such organization does not exist on January 1, 1986, an organization that represents not fewer than 50 pork producers who market annually, in the aggregate, not less than 10 percent of the volume (measured in pounds) of porcine animals marketed in such State.

(17) The term "to market" means to sell or to otherwise dispose of a porcine animal, pork, or pork product in commerce.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1613, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1607.)

§ 4803. Pork and pork product orders

(a) To carry out this chapter, the Secretary shall, in accordance with this chapter, issue and, from time to time, amend orders applicable to persons engaged in—

(1) the production and sale of porcine animals, pork, and pork products in the United States; and

(2) the importation of porcine animals, pork, or pork products into the United States.

(b) The Secretary may issue such regulations as are necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1614, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1609.)

§ 4804. Notice and hearing

During the period beginning on January 1, 1986, and ending 30 days after receipt of a proposal for an initial order submitted by any person affected by this chapter, the Secretary shall—

- (1) publish such proposed order; and

(2) give due notice of and opportunity for public comment on such proposed order.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1615, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1609.)

§ 4805. Findings and issuance of orders

(a) Necessary findings

After notice and opportunity for public comment have been provided in accordance with section 4804 of this title, the Secretary shall issue and publish an order if the Secretary finds, and sets forth in such order, that the issuance of such order and all terms and conditions thereof will assist in carrying out this chapter.

(b) Number of orders in effect at a time

Not more than one order may be in effect at a time.

(c) Effective date

An order shall become effective on a date that is not more than 90 days following the publication of such order.

(d) Terms and conditions

An order shall contain such terms and conditions as are required in sections 4806 through 4809 of this title and, except as provided in section 4810 of this title, no others.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1616, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1609.)

§ 4806. National Pork Producers Delegate Body

(a) Establishment and appointment

The order shall provide for the establishment and appointment by the Secretary, not later than 60 days after the effective date of such order, of a National Pork Producers Delegate Body.

(b) Membership; number of producer members; number of importer members

(1) The Delegate Body shall consist of—

(A) producers, as appointed by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2), from nominations submitted as follows:

(i) in the case of the initial Delegate Body appointed by each State in accordance with section 4807 of this title.

(ii) in the case of each succeeding Delegate Body, each State association shall submit nominations selected by such association pursuant to a selection process that—

(I) is approved by the Secretary;

(II) requires public notice of the process to be given at least one week in advance by publication in a newspaper or newspaper of general circulation in such State and in pork production and agriculture trade publications; and

(III) that provides complete and equal access to the nominating process to every producer who has paid all assessments due under section 4809 of this title and not demanded a refund under section 4813 of this title,

or pursuant to an election of nominees conducted in accordance with section 4807 of this title.

(iii) In the case of a State that has a State association that does not submit nomina-

tions or that does not have a State association, such State shall submit nominations in a manner prescribed by the Secretary; and

(B) importers, as appointed by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (3).

(2) The number of producer members appointed to the Delegate Body from each State shall equal at least two members, and additional members, allocated as follows:

(A) Shares shall be assigned to each State—

(i) for the 1986 calendar year, on the basis of one share for each \$400,000 of farm market value of porcine animals marketed from such State (as determined by the Secretary based on the annual average of farm market value in the most recent 3 calendar years preceding such year), rounded to the nearest \$400,000; and

(ii) for each calendar year thereafter, on the basis of one share for each \$1,000 of the aggregate amount of assessments collected (minus refunds under section 4813 of this title) in such State from persons described in section 4809(a)(1)(A) and (B) of this title, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

(B) If during a calendar year the number of such shares of a State is—

(i) less than 301, the State shall receive a total of two producer members;

(ii) more than 300 but less than 601, the State shall receive a total of three producer members;

(iii) more than 600 but less than 1,001, the State shall receive a total of four producer members; and

(iv) more than 1,000, the State shall receive four producer members, plus one additional member for each 300 additional shares in excess of 1,000 shares, rounded to the nearest 300.

(3) The number of importer members appointed to the Delegate Body shall be determined as follows:

(A) Shares shall be assigned to importers—

(i) for the 1986 calendar year, on the basis of one share for each \$575,000 of market value of marketed porcine animals, pork, or pork products (as determined by the Secretary based on the annual average of imports in the most recent 3 calendar years preceding such year), rounded to the nearest \$575,000; and

(ii) for each calendar year thereafter, on the basis of one share for each \$1,000 of the aggregate amount of assessments collected (minus refunds under section 4813 of this title) from importers, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

(B) The number of importer members appointed to the Delegate Body shall equal a total of—

(i) three members for the first 1,000 such shares; and

(ii) one additional member for each 300 additional shares in excess of 1,000 shares, rounded to the nearest 300.

(c) Voting; quorum; votes necessary for decision

(1) A producer member of the Delegate Body may, in a vote conducted by the Delegate Body