

fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, and if an officer or employee of the Council or the Department, shall be removed from office.

**(5) Withholding information**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the withholding of information from Congress.

**(j) Other terms and conditions**

The order also shall contain such terms and conditions, not inconsistent with this chapter, as are necessary to effectuate this chapter, including provisions for the assessment of a penalty for each late payment of assessments under subsection (g) of this section.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1925, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3857; Pub. L. 102-237, title VIII, §803(1), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1882; Pub. L. 110-234, title X, §10104, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1336; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title X, §10104, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2097.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, referred to in subsec. (h), is title II of act Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, 60 Stat. 1087, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 38 (§1621 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1621 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

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 L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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

2008—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 110-246, §10104(a)(1), substituted “3 regions” for “4 regions”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(D). Pub. L. 110-246, §10104(a)(2), substituted “50,000,000 pounds” for “35,000,000 pounds”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(E). Pub. L. 110-246, §10104(a)(3), added subpar. (E) and struck out former subpar. (E). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Subject to the nine-member limit on the number of members on the Council provided in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall appoint an additional member to the Council from a region for each additional 50,000,000 pounds of production or imports per year, on average, within the region.”

Subsec. (c)(6) to (9). Pub. L. 110-246, §10104(b), added par. (6) and redesignated former pars. (6) to (8) as (7) to (9), respectively.

1991—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 102-237 substituted “governmental” for “government”.

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 this title.

**§ 6105. Referenda**

**(a) Initial referendum**

**(1) In general**

Within the 60-day period immediately preceding the effective date of an order issued under section 6103(b) of this title, the Secretary shall conduct a referendum among mushroom producers and importers to ascertain whether the order shall go into effect.

**(2) Approval of order**

The order shall become effective, as provided in section 6103(b) of this title, if the Secretary determines that the order has been approved by a majority of the producers and importers voting in the referendum, which majority, on average, annually produces and imports into the United States more than 50 percent of the mushrooms annually produced and imported by all those voting in the referendum.

**(b) Succeeding referenda**

**(1) Determination concerning order**

**(A) In general**

Effective 5 years after the date on which an order becomes effective under section 6103(b) of this title, the Secretary shall conduct a referendum among mushroom producers and importers to ascertain whether they favor continuation, termination, or suspension of the order.

**(B) Request for referendum**

Effective beginning 3 years after the date on which an order becomes effective under section 6103(b) of this title, the Secretary, on request of a representative group comprising 30 percent or more of the number of mushroom producers and importers, may conduct a referendum to ascertain whether producers and importers favor termination or suspension of the order.

**(2) Suspension or termination**

If, as a result of any referendum conducted under paragraph (1), the Secretary determines that suspension or termination of an order is favored by a majority of the producers and importers voting in the referendum, which majority, on average, annually produces and imports into the United States more than 50 percent of the mushrooms annually produced and imported by all those voting in the referendum, the Secretary shall—

(A) within 6 months after making such determination, suspend or terminate, as appropriate, collection of assessments under the order; and

(B) suspend or terminate, as appropriate, activities under the order in an orderly manner as soon as practicable.

**(c) Manner**

Referenda conducted pursuant to this section shall be conducted in such a manner as is determined by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1926, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3861.)

**§ 6106. Petition and review**

**(a) Petition**

**(1) In general**

A person subject to an order issued under this chapter may file with the Secretary a petition—

(A) stating that the order, any provision of the order, or any obligation imposed in connection with the order, is not in accordance with law; and

(B) requesting a modification of the order or an exemption from the order.