

**(b) Report to Congress**

The Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on the valuations made under this section no later than January 1, 1995.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999Q, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3926.)

**§ 6417. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year such funds as are necessary to carry out this chapter.

**(b) Administrative expenses**

The funds so appropriated shall not be available for payment of the expenses or expenditures of the Board in administering any provision of any order issued under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999R, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3926.)

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**§ 6501. Purposes**

It is the purpose of this chapter—

(1) to establish national standards governing the marketing of certain agricultural products as organically produced products;

(2) to assure consumers that organically produced products meet a consistent standard; and

(3) to facilitate interstate commerce in fresh and processed food that is organically produced.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXI, §2102, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3935.)

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 101-624, title XXI, §2101, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3935, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Organic Foods Production Act of 1990'."

**§ 6502. Definitions**

As used in this chapter:

**(1) Agricultural product**

The term "agricultural product" means any agricultural commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product derived from livestock that is marketed in the United States for human or livestock consumption.

**(2) Botanical pesticides**

The term "botanical pesticides" means natural pesticides derived from plants.

**(3) Certifying agent**

The term "certifying agent" means the chief executive officer of a State or, in the case of a State that provides for the Statewide election of an official to be responsible solely for the administration of the agricultural operations of the State, such official, and any person (including private entities) who is accredited by the Secretary as a certifying agent for the purpose of certifying a farm or handling operation as a certified organic farm or handling operation in accordance with this chapter.

**(4) Certified organic farm**

The term "certified organic farm" means a farm, or portion of a farm, or site where agricultural products or livestock are produced, that is certified by the certifying agent under this chapter as utilizing a system of organic farming as described by this chapter.

**(5) Certified organic handling operation**

The term "certified organic handling operation" means any operation, or portion of any handling operation, that is certified by the certifying agent under this chapter as utilizing a system of organic handling as described under this chapter.

**(6) Crop year**

The term "crop year" means the normal growing season for a crop as determined by the Secretary.

**(7) Governing State official**

The term "governing State official" means the chief executive official of a State or, in the case of a State that provides for the Statewide election of an official to be responsible solely for the administration of the agricultural operations of the State, such official, who administers an organic certification program under this chapter.

**(8) Handle**

The term "handle" means to sell, process or package agricultural products.

**(9) Handler**

The term "handler" means any person engaged in the business of handling agricultural products, except such term shall not include final retailers of agricultural products that do not process agricultural products.

**(10) Handling operation**

The term "handling operation" means any operation or portion of an operation (except final retailers of agricultural products) that—

(A) receives or otherwise acquires agricultural products; and