

prevent and restrain a person from violating, an order or regulation issued under this chapter.

**(b) Referral to Attorney General**

A civil action authorized to be brought under this section shall be referred to the Attorney General for appropriate action, except that the Secretary is not required to refer to the Attorney General a violation of this chapter, if the Secretary believes that the administration and enforcement of this chapter would be adequately served by providing a suitable written notice or warning to the person who committed the violation or by an administrative action under section 7106 of this title.

**(c) Civil penalties and orders**

**(1) Civil penalties**

A person who willfully violates an order or regulation issued by the Secretary under this chapter may be assessed by the Secretary—

(A) a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each such violation; and

(B) in the case of a willful failure to pay, collect, or remit an assessment as required by the order, an additional penalty equal to the amount of the assessment.

**(2) Separate offense**

Each violation shall be a separate offense.

**(3) Cease-and-desist orders**

In addition to, or in lieu of, the civil penalty, the Secretary may issue an order requiring the person to cease and desist from violating the order or regulation.

**(4) Notice and hearing**

No order assessing a penalty or cease-and-desist order may be issued by the Secretary under this subsection unless the Secretary provides notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record with respect to the violation.

**(5) Finality**

An order assessing a penalty or a cease-and-desist order issued under this subsection by the Secretary shall be final and conclusive unless the person against whom the order is issued files an appeal from the order with the United States court of appeals, as provided in subsection (d), not later than 30 days after the person receives notice of the order.

**(d) Review by court of appeals**

**(1) In general**

A person against whom an order is issued under subsection (c) may obtain review of the order by—

(A) filing, not later than 30 days after the date of the order, a notice of appeal in—

(i) the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which the person resides or carries on business; or

(ii) the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

(B) simultaneously sending a copy of the notice of appeal by certified mail to the Secretary.

**(2) Record**

The Secretary shall file promptly in the court a certified copy of the record on which

the Secretary has determined that the person has committed a violation.

**(3) Standard of review**

A finding of the Secretary under this section shall be set aside only if the finding is found to be unsupported by substantial evidence.

**(e) Failure to obey orders**

A person who fails to obey a valid cease-and-desist order issued by the Secretary under this section, after an opportunity for a hearing, shall be subject to a civil penalty assessed by the Secretary of not more than \$500 for each offense. Each day during which the failure continues shall be considered to be a separate violation of the order.

**(f) Failure to pay penalties**

If a person fails to pay a valid civil penalty imposed under this section by the Secretary, the Secretary shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of the amount assessed in the district court of the United States for any district in which the person resides or carries on business. In the action, the validity and appropriateness of the order imposing the civil penalty shall not be subject to review.

**(g) Additional remedies**

The remedies provided in this section shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, other remedies that may be available.

(Pub. L. 103-407, §8, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4224.)

**§ 7108. Investigations and power to subpoena**

**(a) Investigations**

The Secretary may make such investigations as the Secretary considers necessary—

(1) for the effective administration of this chapter; or

(2) to determine whether any person subject to this chapter has engaged, or is about to engage, in any action that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this chapter, or of any order or regulation issued under this chapter.

**(b) Subpoenas, oaths, and affirmations**

For the purpose of any investigation under subsection (a), the Secretary may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel the attendance of witnesses, take evidence, and require the production of any records that are relevant to the inquiry. The attendance of witnesses and the production of any such records may be required from any place in the United States.

**(c) Aid of courts**

In the case of contumacy by, or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to, any person, the Secretary may invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which the investigation or proceeding is carried on, or where the person resides or carries on business, in order to require the attendance and testimony of the person or the production of records. The court may issue an order requiring the person to appear before the Secretary to produce records or to give testimony regarding the matter under investigation.

**(d) Contempt**

Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt of the court.

**(e) Process**

Process in any case under this section may be served in the judicial district in which the person resides or carries on business or wherever the person may be found.

(Pub. L. 103-407, §9, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4226.)

**§ 7109. Administrative provisions****(a) Construction**

Nothing in this chapter preempts or supercedes any other program relating to sheep promotion, research, or information organized and operated under the laws of the United States or any State.

**(b) Amendments to orders**

The provisions of this chapter applicable to an order shall be applicable to amendments to the order, except that the Secretary is not required to conduct a referendum on a proposed amendment to an order.

(Pub. L. 103-407, §10, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4226.)

**§ 7110. Regulations**

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

(Pub. L. 103-407, §11, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4226.)

**§ 7111. Authorization of appropriations****(a) In general**

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

**(b) Administrative expenses**

Funds appropriated under subsection (a) 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. 103-407, §12, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4226.)

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