

(6) beef and beef products move in interstate and foreign commerce, and beef and beef products that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce of beef and beef products.

(b) It, therefore, is declared to be the policy of Congress that it is in the public interest to authorize the establishment, through the exercise of the powers provided herein, of an orderly procedure for financing (through assessments on all cattle sold in the United States and on cattle, beef, and beef products imported into the United States) and carrying out a coordinated program of promotion and research designed to strengthen the beef industry's position in the marketplace and to maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for beef and beef products. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the right of individual producers to raise cattle.

(Pub. L. 94-294, § 2, May 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 529; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1601(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1597.)

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 amended section generally.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1601(c), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1606, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2902 to 2911 of this title, omitting sections 2912 to 2918 of this title and provisions set out as a note under this section, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1986."

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 94-294, § 21, May 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 538, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] shall take effect upon enactment [May 28, 1976]."

SHORT TITLE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1601(a), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1597, provided that: "This section [amending this section and sections 2902 to 2911 of this title, omitting sections 2912 to 2918 of this title and provisions set out as a note under this section, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the 'Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985'."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 94-294, § 1, May 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 529, provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] shall be known as the 'Beef Research and Information Act'."

SEPARABILITY

Pub. L. 94-294, § 19, May 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 537, which provided that if any provision of this Act [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby, was omitted in the general revision of sections 2 through 20 of Pub. L. 94-294 by Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1601(b), Dec. 28, 1985, 99 Stat. 1597.

§ 2902. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

- (1) the term "beef" means flesh of cattle;
- (2) the term "beef products" means edible products produced in whole or in part from

beef, exclusive of milk and products made therefrom;

(3) the term "Board" means the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board established under section 2904(1) of this title;

(4) the term "cattle" means live domesticated bovine animals regardless of age;

(5) the term "Committee" means the Beef Promotion Operating Committee established under section 2904(5) of this title;

(6) the term "consumer information" means nutritional data and other information that will assist consumers and other persons in making evaluations and decisions regarding the purchasing, preparing, and use of beef and beef products;

(7) the term "Department" means the Department of Agriculture.¹

(8) the term "importer" means any person who imports cattle, beef, or beef products from outside the United States;

(9) the term "industry information" means information and programs that will lead to the development of new markets, marketing strategies, increased efficiency, and activities to enhance the image of the cattle industry;

(10) The² term "order" means a beef promotion and research order issued under section 2903 of this title.¹

(11) the term "person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other entity;

(12) the term "producer" means any person who owns or acquires ownership of cattle, except that a person shall not be considered to be a producer if the person's only share in the proceeds of a sale of cattle or beef is a sales commission, handling fee, or other service fee;

(13) the term "promotion" means any action, including paid advertising, to advance the image and desirability of beef and beef products with the express intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating sales of beef and beef products in the marketplace;

(14) the term "qualified State beef council" means a beef promotion entity that is authorized by State statute or is organized and operating within a State, that receives voluntary contributions and conducts beef promotion, research, and consumer information programs, and that is recognized by the Board as the beef promotion entity within such State;

(15) the term "research" means studies testing the effectiveness of market development and promotion efforts, studies relating to the nutritional value of beef and beef products, other related food science research, and new product development;

(16) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture;

(17) The² term "State" means each of the 50 States; and

(18) the term "United States" means the several States and the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 94-294, § 3, May 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 530; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, § 1601(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1598.)

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 amended section generally.

¹ So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

² So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-198 effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1601(c) of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 2901 of this title.

§ 2903. Issuance of orders

(a) During the period beginning on January 1, 1986, and ending thirty days after receipt of a proposal for a beef promotion and research order, the Secretary shall publish such proposed order and give due notice and opportunity for public comment on such proposed order. Such proposal may be submitted by any organization meeting the requirements for certification under section 2905 of this title or any interested person, including the Secretary.

(b) After notice and opportunity for public comment are given, as provided for in subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue a beef promotion and research order. The order shall become effective not later than one hundred and twenty days following publication of the proposed order.

(Pub. L. 94-294, §4, May 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 530; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1601(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1599.)

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to issuance of orders for provisions relating to orders of Secretary to producers and slaughterers.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-198 effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1601(c) of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 2901 of this title.

§ 2904. Required terms in orders

An order issued under section 2903(b) of this title shall contain the following terms and conditions:

(1) The order shall provide for the establishment and selection of a Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board. Members of the Board shall be cattle producers and importers appointed by the Secretary from (A) nominations submitted by eligible State organizations certified under section 2905 of this title (or, if the Secretary determines that there is no eligible State organization in a State, the Secretary may provide for nominations from such State to be made in a different manner), and (B) nominations submitted by importers under such procedures as the Secretary determines appropriate. In determining geographic representation for cattle producers on the Board, whole States shall be considered as a unit. Each State that has a total cattle inventory greater than five hundred thousand head shall be entitled to at least one representative on the Board. A State that has a total inventory of fewer than 500,000 cattle shall be grouped, as far as practicable, with other States each of which has a combined total inventory of not less than 500,000 cattle, into geographically contiguous units in a manner prescribed in the order. A unit may be represented on the Board by more than one member. For each additional million head of cattle within a unit, such unit shall be entitled to an

additional member on the Board. The Board may recommend a change in the level of inventory per unit necessary for representation on the Board and, on such recommendation, the Secretary may change the level necessary for representation on the Board. The number of members on the Board that represent importers shall be determined by the Secretary on a proportional basis, by converting the volume of imported beef and beef products into live animal equivalencies.

(2) The order shall define the powers and duties of the Board, which shall be exercised at an annual meeting, and shall include only the following powers:

(A) To administer the order in accordance with its terms and provisions.

(B) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of the order.

(C) To elect members of the Board to serve on the Committee.

(D) To approve or disapprove budgets submitted by the Committee.

(E) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the order.

(F) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to the order.

In addition, the order shall determine the circumstances under which special meetings of the Board may be held.

(3) The order shall provide that the term of appointment to the Board shall be three years with no member serving more than two consecutive terms, except that initial appointments shall be proportionately for one-year, two-year, and three-year terms; and that Board members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the Board.

(4)(A) The order shall provide that the Board shall elect from its membership ten members to serve on the Beef Promotion Operating Committee, which shall be composed of ten members of the Board and ten producers elected by a federation that includes as members the qualified State beef councils. The producers elected by the federation shall be certified by the Secretary as producers that are directors of a qualified State beef council. The Secretary also shall certify that such directors are duly elected by the federation as representatives to the Committee.

(B) The Committee shall develop plans or projects of promotion and advertising, research, consumer information, and industry information, which shall be paid for with assessments collected by the Board. In developing plans or projects, the Committee shall—

(i) to the extent practicable, take into account similarities and differences between certain beef, beef products, and veal; and

(ii) ensure that segments of the beef industry that enjoy a unique consumer identity receive equitable and fair treatment under this chapter.

(C) The Committee shall be responsible for developing and submitting to the Board, for its approval, budgets on a fiscal year basis of