

mined by the Secretary, 60 percent or more of the volume of fluid milk products marketed by all processors;

In no event shall the rate of assessment prescribed by the order exceed 20 cents per hundredweight.

**(3) Effective date**

The adjusted assessment rate shall be effective on a date, as determined by the Secretary, after the results of the referendum are known, but not later than 30 days after the referendum.

**(4) Costs; manner**

Subsections (c) and (d) of section 6413 of this title shall apply to a referendum conducted under this subsection.

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

**§ 6416. Independent evaluation of programs**

**(a) Review and evaluation**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall review and evaluate the order to—

- (1) determine the effectiveness of the promotion program conducted under this chapter on fluid milk sales;
- (2) determine if the assessments for the program have been passed back to milk producers by fluid milk processors; and
- (3) make recommendations for future funding and assessment levels for the program.

**(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.