

**(19) United States**

The term “United States” means collectively the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title V, §533, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1049.)

**§ 7443. Issuance and amendment of orders****(a) In general**

Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary shall issue 1 or more orders under this subchapter applicable to producers and first purchasers of canola, rapeseed, or canola or rapeseed products. The order shall be national in scope. Not more than 1 order shall be in effect under this subchapter at any 1 time.

**(b) Procedure****(1) Proposal or request for issuance**

The Secretary may propose the issuance of an order under this subchapter, or an association of canola and rapeseed producers or any other person that would be affected by an order issued pursuant to this subchapter may request the issuance of, and submit a proposal for, an order.

**(2) Notice and comment concerning proposed order**

Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a request and proposal for an order pursuant to paragraph (1), or whenever the Secretary determines to propose an order, the Secretary shall publish a proposed order and give due notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed order.

**(3) Issuance of order**

After notice and opportunity for public comment are given as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall issue an order, taking into consideration the comments received and including in the order provisions necessary to ensure that the order is in conformity with the requirements of this subchapter. The order shall be issued and become effective not later than 180 days following publication of the proposed order.

**(c) Amendments**

The Secretary may amend an order issued under this section.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title V, §534, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1050.)

**§ 7444. Required terms in orders****(a) In general**

An order issued under this subchapter shall contain the terms and conditions specified in this section.

**(b) Establishment and membership of National Canola and Rapeseed Board****(1) In general**

The order shall provide for the establishment of, and appointment of members to, a National Canola and Rapeseed Board to administer the order.

**(2) Service to entire industry**

The Board shall carry out programs and projects that will provide maximum benefit to

the canola and rapeseed industry in all parts of the United States and only promote canola, rapeseed, or canola or rapeseed products.

**(3) Board membership**

The Board shall consist of 15 members, including—

(A) 11 members who are producers, including—

(i) 1 member from each of the 6 geographic regions comprised of States where canola or rapeseed is produced, as determined by the Secretary; and

(ii) 5 members from the geographic regions referred to in clause (i), allocated according to the production in each region; and

(B) 4 members who are industry members, including at least—

(i) 1 member who represents manufacturers of canola or rapeseed end products; and

(ii) 1 member who represents persons who commercially buy or sell canola or rapeseed.

**(4) Limitation on State residence**

There shall be no more than 4 producer members of the Board from any 1 State.

**(5) Modifying Board membership**

In accordance with regulations approved by the Secretary, at least once each 3 years and not more than once each 2 years, the Board shall review the geographic distribution of canola and rapeseed production throughout the United States and, if warranted, recommend to the Secretary that the Secretary—

(A) reapportion regions in order to reflect the geographic distribution of canola and rapeseed production; and

(B) reapportion the seats on the Board to reflect the production in each region.

**(6) Certification of organizations****(A) In general**

For the purposes of section 7445 of this title, the eligibility of any State organization to represent producers shall be certified by the Secretary.

**(B) Criteria**

The Secretary shall certify any State organization that the Secretary determines has a history of stability and permanency and meets at least 1 of the following criteria:

**(i) Majority representation**

The total paid membership of the organization—

(I) is comprised of at least a majority of canola or rapeseed producers; or

(II) represents at least a majority of the canola or rapeseed producers in the State.

**(ii) Substantial number of producers represented**

The organization represents a substantial number of producers that produce a substantial quantity of canola or rapeseed in the State.

**(iii) Purpose**

The organization is a general farm or agricultural organization that has as a stat-