

value of limes and designed to advance the image, desirability, marketability, or quality of limes.

**(14) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(15) State and United States**

The term—

(A) “State” means each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(B) “United States” means the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1953, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3871; Pub. L. 103-194, §3, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2295.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Par. (6). Pub. L. 103-194 substituted “citrus latifolia” for “citrus aurantifolia”.

**§ 6203. Issuance of orders**

**(a) In general**

Subject to this chapter, and to effectuate the declared purposes of this chapter, the Secretary shall issue and, from time to time, amend lime research, promotion, and consumer information orders applicable to handlers, producers, producer-handlers, and importers of limes. Any such order shall be national in scope. Not more than one order shall be in effect under this chapter at any one time.

**(b) Procedure**

**(1) Proposal for issuance of order**

Any person that will be affected by this chapter may request the issuance of, and submit a proposal for, an order under this chapter.

**(2) Proposed order**

Not later than 60 days after the receipt of a request and proposal by an interested person for 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 chapter.

**(4) Effective date of order**

Such order shall be issued and become effective not later than 150 days following publication of the proposed order.

**(c) Amendments**

The Secretary, from time to time, may amend any order issued under this section. The provisions of this chapter applicable to orders shall be applicable to amendments to orders.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1954, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3872.)

**§ 6204. Required terms in orders**

**(a) In general**

An order issued by the Secretary under section 6203(a) of this title shall contain the terms and conditions described in this section and, except as provided in section 6205 of this title, no other terms or conditions.

**(b) Lime Board**

Such order shall provide for the establishment of a Lime Board as follows:

**(1) Membership**

The Board shall be composed of—

(A) 3 members who are producers and who are not exempt from an assessment under subsection (d)(5)(A);

(B) 3 members who are importers and who are not exempt from an assessment under subsection (d)(5)(A); and

(C) one member appointed from the general public.

**(2) Appointment and nomination**

**(A) Appointment**

The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board.

**(B) Producers**

The 3 members who are producers shall be appointed from individuals nominated by lime producers.

**(C) Importers**

The 3 members who are importers shall be appointed from individuals nominated by lime importers.

**(D) Public**

The public representative shall be appointed from nominations of the Board.

**(E) Failure to nominate**

If producers and importers fail to nominate individuals for appointment, the Secretary may appoint members on a basis provided for in the order. If the Board fails to nominate a public representative, such member may be appointed by the Secretary without a nomination.

**(F) Initial Board**

The Secretary shall establish an initial Board from among nominations solicited by the Secretary. For the purpose of obtaining nominations for the members of the initial Board described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall perform the functions of the Board under this subsection as the Secretary determines necessary and appropriate. The Secretary shall terminate the initial Board established under this subsection as soon as practicable after December 14, 1993.

**(G) Board allocation**

The producer and importer representation on the Board shall be allocated on the basis of 2 producer members and 1 importer member from the district east of the Mississippi River and 1 producer member and 2 importer members from the district west of the Mississippi River.