

the United States production of fresh market limes has plummeted and the volume of imports has risen dramatically. The drop in United States production is primarily due to damage to lime orchards in the State of Florida by Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. United States production is not expected to reach pre-Hurricane Andrew levels for possibly two to three years because a majority of the United States production of limes is in Florida.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of this Act [see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note above] is—

- “(1) to revise the definition of the term ‘lime’ in order to cover seedless and not seeded limes;
- “(2) to increase the exemption level;
- “(3) to delay the initial referendum date; and
- “(4) to alter the composition of the Lime Board.”

## § 6202. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

### (1) Board

The term “Board” means the Lime Board provided for under section 6204(b) of this title.

### (2) Consumer information

The term “consumer information” means any action taken to provide information to, and broaden the understanding of, the general public regarding the use, nutritional attributes, and care of limes.

### (3) Handle

The term “handle” means to sell, purchase, or package limes.

### (4) Handler

The term “handler” means any person in the business of handling limes.

### (5) Importer

The term “importer” means any person who imports limes into the United States.

### (6) Lime

The term “lime” means the fruit of a citrus *latifolia* tree for the fresh market.

### (7) Marketing

The term “marketing” means the sale or other disposition of limes in commerce.

### (8) Order

The term “order” means a lime research, promotion, and consumer information order issued by the Secretary under section 6203(a) of this title.

### (9) Person

The term “person” means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other legal entity.

### (10) Producer

The term “producer” means any person who produces limes in the United States for sale in commerce.

### (11) Producer-handler

The term “producer-handler” means any person who is both a producer and handler of limes.

### (12) Promotion

The term “promotion” means any action taken under this chapter (including paid advertising) to present a favorable image for

limes to the general public with the express intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating the sale of limes.

### (13) Research

The term “research” means any type of research relating to the use and nutritional 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 provi-