

(4)(A) If a person fails to pay a valid civil penalty imposed under this subsection by the Secretary, the Secretary shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of the amount assessed in an appropriate district court of the United States.

(B) In such action, the validity and appropriateness of the order imposing such civil penalty shall not be subject to review.

**(c) Availability of additional remedies**

The remedies provided in subsections (a) and (b) shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, other remedies that may be available.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1626, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1620.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1631 of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 4801 of this title.

**§ 4816. Investigations**

**(a) Purposes**

The Secretary may make such investigations as the Secretary considers necessary—

(1) for the effective administration of this chapter; or

(2) to determine whether a person subject to this chapter has engaged, or is about to engage, in an act that constitutes, or will constitute, a violation of this chapter or an order, rule, or regulation issued under this chapter.

**(b) Oaths and affirmations; subpoenas**

(1) For the purpose of such investigation, the Secretary may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any records that are relevant to the inquiry.

(2) Such attendance of witnesses and the production of such records may be required from any place in the United States.

**(c) Judicial enforcement; contempt proceedings; service of process**

(1) In the case of contumacy, or refusal to obey a subpoena, by a person, the Secretary may invoke the aid of a court of the United States with jurisdiction over such investigation or proceeding, or where such person resides or does business, in requiring the attendance and testimony of such person and the production of such records.

(2) The court may issue an order requiring such person to appear before the Secretary to produce records or to give testimony touching the matter under investigation.

(3) A failure to obey an order issued under this section by the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

(4) Process in such case may be served in the judicial district in which such person is an inhabitant or wherever such person may be found.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1627, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1621.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1631 of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 4801 of this title.

**§ 4817. Preemption**

**(a) Promotion and consumer education; funds from pork producers**

This chapter is intended to occupy the field of—

(1) promotion and consumer education involving pork and pork products; and

(2) obtaining funds therefor from pork producers.

**(b) Additional or different State regulation prohibited**

The regulation of such activity (other than a regulation or requirement relating to a matter of public health or the provision of State or local funds for such activity) that is in addition to or different from this chapter may not be imposed by a State.

**(c) Application of section**

This section shall apply only during a period beginning on the date of the commencement of the collection of assessments under section 4809 of this title and ending on the date of the termination of the collection of assessments under section 4811(a)(3) or 4811(b)(1)(B)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1628, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1621.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1631 of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 4801 of this title.

**§ 4818. Administrative provision**

The provisions of this chapter applicable to orders shall be applicable to amendments to orders.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1629, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1621.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1631 of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 4801 of this title.

**§ 4819. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the Secretary to carry out this chapter, subject to reimbursement from the Board under section 4809(c)(3)(B)(iv) of this title.

(b) Sums appropriated to carry out this chapter shall not be available for payment of an expense or expenditure incurred by the Board in administering an order.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1630, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1621.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1986, see section 1631 of Pub. L. 99-198, set out as a note under section 4801 of this title.

**CHAPTER 80—WATERMELON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION**

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<sup>1</sup>So in original. Probably should be "section 4811(b)(2)(A) or 4812(b)(1)(B)".

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### § 4901. Congressional findings and declaration of policy

(a) Congress finds that—

(1) the per capita consumption of watermelons in the United States has declined steadily in recent years;

(2) watermelons are an important cash crop to many farmers in the United States and are an economical, enjoyable, and healthful food for consumers;

(3) approximately 2,607,600,000 pounds of watermelons with a farm value of \$158,923,000 were produced in 1981 in the United States;

(4) watermelons move in the channels of interstate commerce, and watermelons that do not move in such channels directly affect interstate commerce;

(5) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets and the establishment of new or improved markets and uses for watermelons are vital to the welfare of watermelon growers and those concerned with marketing, using, handling, and importing watermelons, as well as the general economic welfare of the Nation; and

(6) the development and implementation of coordinated programs of research, development, advertising, and promotion are necessary to maintain and expand existing markets and establish new or improved markets and uses for watermelons.

(b) It is declared to be the policy of Congress that it is essential in the public interest, through the exercise of the powers provided herein, to authorize the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through adequate assessments on watermelons harvested in the United States, or imported into the United States, for commercial use), and carrying out of an effective, continuous, and coordinated program of research, development, advertising, and promotion designed to strengthen the watermelon's competitive position in the marketplace, and establish, maintain, and expand domestic and foreign markets for watermelons. The purpose of this chapter is to so authorize the establishment of such procedure and the development, financing, and carrying out of such program. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to dictate quality standards nor provide for the control of production or otherwise limit the right of individual watermelon producers to produce watermelons.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1642, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1622; Pub. L. 103-189, §8(k)(1), (2), Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2263.)

### AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 103-189, §8(k)(1), substituted “handling, and importing” for “and handling”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-189, §8(k)(2), inserted “, or imported into the United States,” after “harvested in the United States” and struck out “produced in the United States” after “foreign markets for watermelons”.

### SHORT TITLE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-189, §1(a), Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2259, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 4902 to 4904, 4906, 4908, and 4911 to 4914 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Watermelon Research and Promotion Improvement Act of 1993’.”

### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1641, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1622, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle C (§§1641-1657) of Pub. L. 99-198, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Watermelon Research and Promotion Act’.”

### § 4902. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

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

(3) The term “watermelon” means all varieties of watermelon grown by producers in the United States or imported into the United States.

(4) The term “handler” means any person (except a common or contract carrier of watermelons owned by another person) who handles watermelons in a manner specified in a plan issued under this chapter or in regulations promulgated thereunder.

(5) The term “producer” means any person engaged in the growing of 10 or more acres of watermelons.

(6) The term “importer” means any person who imports watermelons into the United States.

(7) The term “plan” means an order issued by the Secretary under this chapter.

(8) The term “promotion” means any action taken by the Board, under this chapter, to present a favorable image for watermelons to the public with the express intent of improving the competitive position of watermelons in the marketplace and stimulating sales of watermelons, and shall include, but not be limited to, paid advertising.

(9) The term “Board” means the National Watermelon Promotion Board provided for in section 4906 of this title.

(10) The term “United States” means each of the several States and the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVI, §1643, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1623; Pub. L. 103-189, §§3(a), 8(a), (k)(3), 9(a), Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2259, 2261, 2263, 2264.)

### AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-189, §8(k)(3)(A), substituted “chapter:” for “chapter—” in introductory provisions.

Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 103-189, §8(k)(3)(B), (C), substituted “The term” for “the term” and a period for semicolon at end.