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SUBCHAPTER I—DAIRY PROMOTION PROGRAM

§ 4501. Congressional findings and declaration of policy

(a) Congress finds that—

(1) dairy products are basic foods that are a valuable part of the human diet;

(2) the production of dairy products plays a significant role in the Nation's economy, the milk from which dairy products are manufactured is produced by thousands of milk producers, and dairy products are consumed by millions of people throughout the United States;

(3) dairy products must be readily available and marketed efficiently to ensure that the people of the United States receive adequate nourishment;

(4) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets for dairy products are vital to the welfare of milk producers and those concerned with marketing, using, and producing dairy products, as well as to the general economy of the Nation; and

(5) dairy products move in interstate and foreign commerce, and dairy products that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce of dairy products.

(b) It, therefore, is declared to be the policy of Congress that it is in the public interest to authorize the establishment, through the exercise of the powers provided herein, of an orderly procedure for financing (through assessments on all milk produced in the United States for commercial use and on imported dairy products) and carrying out a coordinated program of promotion designed to strengthen the dairy industry's position in the marketplace and to maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for fluid milk and dairy products. Nothing in this subchapter may be construed to provide for the control of production or otherwise limit the right of individual milk producers to produce milk or the right of any person to import dairy products.

(Pub. L. 98–180, title I, §110, Nov. 29, 1983, 97 Stat. 1136; Pub. L. 107–171, title I, §1505(h)(1), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 210.)

Editorial Notes

Amendments

2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107–171 inserted "and on imported dairy products" after "commercial use" and struck out "produced in the United States" after "fluid milk and dairy products" in first sentence and inserted "or the right of any person to import dairy products" before period at end of second sentence.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

For short title of title I of Pub. L. 98-180 as the "Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983", see Short Title of 1983 Amendment note set out under section 1421 of this title.

§4502. Definitions

As used in this subchapter—

(a) the term "Board" means the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board established under section 4504 of this title;

(b) the term "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

(c) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture;

(d) the term "milk" means any class of cow's milk;

(e) the term "dairy products" means products manufactured for human consumption which are derived from the processing of milk, and includes fluid milk products;

(f) the term "fluid milk products" means those milk products normally consumed in liquid form as a beverage;

(g) the term "person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other entity:

(h) the term "producer" means any person engaged in the production of milk for commercial use;

(i) the term "promotion" means actions such as paid advertising, sales promotion, and publicity to advance the image and sales of and demand for dairy products;

(j) the term "research" means studies testing the effectiveness of market development and promotion efforts, studies relating to the nutritional value of milk and dairy products, and other related efforts to expand demand for milk and dairy products;

(k) the term "nutrition education" means those activities intended to broaden the un-