

## § 1410.57

an interest in the acreage offered for enrollment in the CRP.

(b) CCC may remove an operator or tenant from a CRP contract when the operator or tenant:

(1) Requests, in writing to be removed from the CRP contract;

(2) Files for bankruptcy and the trustee or debtor in possession fails to affirm the contract, to the extent permitted by the provisions of applicable bankruptcy laws;

(3) Dies during the contract period and the Administrator of the estate fails to succeed to the contract within a period of time determined by the Deputy Administrator; or

(4) Is the subject of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the removal from the CRP contract of the operator or tenant and such order is received by FSA, as determined by the Deputy Administrator.

(c) In addition to the provisions in paragraph (b) of this section, tenants shall maintain their tenancy throughout the contract period in order to remain on a contract. Tenants who fail to maintain tenancy on the acreage under contract, including failure to comply with provisions under applicable State law, may be removed from a contract by CCC. CCC shall assume the tenancy is being maintained unless notified otherwise by a CRP participant specified in the applicable contract.

### § 1410.57 Payments not subject to claims.

Subject to part 1403 of this chapter, any cost-share or annual payment or portion thereof due any person under this part shall be allowed without regard to questions of title under State law, and without regard to any claim or lien in favor of any creditor, except agencies of the United States Government.

### § 1410.58 Assignments.

Any participant who may be entitled to any cash payment under this program may assign the right to receive such cash payments, in whole or in part, as provided in part 1404 of this chapter.

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### § 1410.59 Appeals.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a participant or person seeking participation may appeal or request reconsideration of an adverse determination rendered with regard to such participation in accordance with the administrative appeal regulations at parts 11 and 780 of this title.

(b) Determinations by NRCS concerning land classification, erosion rates, water quality ratings or other technical determinations may be appealed in accordance with procedures established under part 614 of this title or otherwise established by NRCS.

### § 1410.60 Scheme or device.

(a) If it is determined by CCC that a person has employed a scheme or device to defeat the purposes of this part, any part of any program payment otherwise due or paid such person during the applicable period may be required to be refunded with interest thereon as determined appropriate by CCC.

(b) A scheme or device includes, but is not limited to, coercion, fraud, misrepresentation, depriving any other person of cost-share assistance or annual rental payments, or obtaining a payment that otherwise would not be payable.

(c) A new owner or operator or tenant of land subject to this part who succeeds to the responsibilities under this part shall report in writing to CCC any interest of any kind in the land subject to this part that is retained by a previous participant. Such interest shall include a present, future, or conditional interest, reversionary interest, or any option, future or present, with respect to such land, and any interest of any lender in such land where the lender has, will, or can obtain, a right of occupancy to such land or an interest in the equity in such land other than an interest in the appreciation in the value of such land occurring after the loan was made. Failure to fully disclose such interest shall be considered a scheme or device under this section.

### § 1410.61 Filing of false claims.

If it is determined by CCC that any participant has knowingly supplied false information or has knowingly

filed a false claim, such participant shall be ineligible for payments under this part with respect to the program year in which the false information or claim was filed and the contract may be terminated in which case a full refund of all prior payments may be demanded. False information or false claims include, but are not limited to, claims for payment for practices which do not meet the specifications of the applicable conservation plan. Any amounts paid under these circumstances shall be refunded, together with interest as determined by CCC, and any amounts otherwise due such participant shall be withheld. The remedies provided for in this section shall be in addition to any and all other remedies, criminal and/or civil that may apply.

**§ 1410.62 Miscellaneous.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, in the case of death, incompetency, or disappearance of any participant, any payment due under this part shall be paid to the participant's successor in accordance with the provisions of part 707 of this title.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in this part, payments under this part shall be subject to the requirements of part 12 of this title concerning highly-erodible land and wetland conservation and payments that otherwise could be made under this part may be withheld to the extent provided for in part 12 of this title.

(c) Any remedies permitted CCC under this part shall be in addition to any other remedy, including, but not limited to criminal remedies, or actions for damages in favor of CCC, or the United States, as may be permitted by law; provided further the Deputy Administrator may add to the contract such additional terms as needed to enforce these regulations which shall be binding on the parties and may be enforced to the same degree as provisions of these regulations.

(d) Absent a scheme or device to defeat the purpose of the program, when an owner loses control of CRP acreage due to foreclosure and the new owner chooses not to continue the contract in accordance with §1410.51, refunds shall not be required from any participant

on the contract to the extent that the Deputy Administrator determines that forgiving such repayment is appropriate in order to provide fair and equitable treatment.

(e) Crop insurance purchase requirements in part 1405 of this chapter apply to contracts executed in accordance with this part.

(f) Land enrolled in CRP shall be classified as cropland for the time period enrolled in CRP and, after the time period of enrollment, may be removed from such classification upon a determination by the county committee that such land no longer meets the conditions identified in part 718 of this title.

(g) Research projects may be submitted by the State committee and authorized by the Deputy Administrator to further the purposes of CRP. The research projects must include objectives that are consistent with this part, provide economic and environmental information not adversely affect local agricultural markets, and be conducted and monitored by a bona fide research entity.

(h) CCC may enter into other agreements, as approved by the Deputy Administrator, to use the CRP to meet authorized wetland mitigation banking pilot projects.

**§ 1410.63 Permissive uses.**

Unless otherwise specified by the Deputy Administrator, no crops of any kind may be planted or harvested from designated CRP acreage during the contract period.

**§ 1410.64 Paperwork Reduction Act assigned numbers.**

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements contained in these regulations under provisions 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and OMB number 0560-0125 has been assigned.

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