

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 931.60

the conduct of marketing research and development projects established pursuant to §931.45) as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe.

(c) The committee shall, with the approval of the Secretary prescribe such rules, regulations, and safeguards as it may deem necessary to assure compliance with this section. Such rules, regulations, and safeguards may include the requirements that handlers shall file applications and receive approval from the committee for authorization to handle pears pursuant to this section. It may be required that such applications be accompanied by a certification by the intended purchaser or receiver that the pears will not be used for any purpose not authorized by this section.

§931.55 Inspection and certification.

Whenever the handling of any variety of pears is regulated pursuant to §931.52 or §931.53, each handler who handles pears shall, prior thereto, cause such pears to be inspected by the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service and certified by it as meeting the applicable requirements of such regulation: *Provided*, That inspection and certification shall be required for pears which previously have been so inspected and certified only if such pears have been regarded, resorted, repackaged, or in any other way further prepared for market. Promptly after inspection and certification, each such handler shall submit or cause to be submitted to the committee a copy of the certificate of inspection issued with respect to such pears. The committee may, with the approval of the Secretary, prescribe rules and regulations modifying the inspection requirements of this section as to time and place such inspection shall be performed whenever it is determined it would not be practical to perform the required inspection at a particular location: *Provided*, That all such shipments shall comply with all regulations in effect.

§931.56 Exemptions.

The committee shall issue certificates of exemption to any producer who applies for such exemption and

furnishes adequate evidence to the committee:

(a) That by reason of a regulation he will be prevented from handling or having handled as large a proportion of his production as the average proportion of production handled by or for all producers in said applicant's production district; and

(b) That the grade, size, or quality of the applicant's pears have been adversely affected by acts beyond the applicant's reasonable expectation or control. Each certificate shall permit the producer to handle or to have handled the amount of pears specified thereon. Such certificates shall be transferred with such pears at time of shipment. The committee shall be permitted at any time to make a thorough investigation of any producer's claim for exemptions and shall determine what conditions constitute acts beyond the grower's reasonable expectation or control.

REPORTS

§931.60 Reports.

(a) Upon request of the committee, made with the approval of the Secretary, each handler shall furnish to the committee, in such manner and at such time as it may prescribe, reports of pears received and disposed of and such other information as may be necessary for the committee to perform its duties under this part.

(b) All such reports shall be held under appropriate protective classification and custody by the committee, or duly appointed employees thereof, so that the information contained therein which may adversely affect the competitive position of any handler in relation to other handlers will not be disclosed. Compilations of general reports from data submitted by handlers are authorized subject to the prohibition of disclosure of individual handler's identities or operations.

(c) Each handler shall maintain for at least two succeeding years such records of the pears received and of pears disposed of, by such handler as may be necessary to verify reports pursuant to this section.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 931.61 Compliance.

Except as provided in this part, no person shall handle pears the shipment of which has been prohibited by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this part; and no person shall handle pears except in conformity with the provisions and the regulations issued under this part.

§ 931.62 Right of the Secretary.

The members of the committee (including successors and alternates), and any agents, employees, or representatives thereof, shall be subject to removal or suspension by the Secretary at any time. Each and every regulation, decision, determination, or other act of the committee shall be subject to the continuing right of the Secretary to disapprove of the same at any time. Upon such disapproval, the disapproved action of the committee shall be deemed null and void, except as to acts done in reliance thereon or in accordance therewith prior to such disapproval by the Secretary.

§ 931.63 Effective time.

The provisions of this part and of any amendments thereto shall become effective at such time as the Secretary may declare above his signature, and shall continue in force until terminated in one of the ways specified in § 931.64.

§ 931.64 Termination.

(a) The Secretary may at any time terminate the provisions of this part by giving at least one day's notice by means of a press release or in any other manner in which he may determine.

(b) The Secretary shall terminate or suspend the operation of any and all of the provisions of this part whenever he finds that such provisions do not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act.

(c) The Secretary shall terminate the provisions of this part at the end of any fiscal period whenever he finds by a referendum or otherwise that continuance is not favored by the majority of producers who, during a representative period determined by the Secretary, were engaged in the production

area in the production of pears for market in fresh form: *Provided*, That such majority has produced for market during such period more than 50 percent of the volume of pears produced for fresh market in the production area; but such termination shall be effective only if announced on or before June 30 of the then current fiscal period: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall conduct such a referendum not later than 5 years from the effective date of this part.

(d) The provisions of this part shall, in any event, terminate whenever the provisions of the act authorizing them cease to be in effect.

§ 931.65 Proceedings after termination.

(a) Upon the termination of the provisions of this part, the committee shall, for the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the committee, continue as trustees of all the funds and property then in its possession, or under its control, including claims for any funds unpaid or property not delivered at the time of such termination.

(b) The said trustees shall (1) continue in such capacity until discharged by the Secretary; (2) from time to time account for all receipts and disbursements and deliver all property on hand, together with all books and records of the committee and of the trustees, to such persons as the Secretary may direct; and (3) upon the request of the Secretary, execute such assignments or other instruments necessary or appropriate to vest in such person, full title and right to all of the funds, property, and claims vested in the committee or the trustees pursuant thereto.

(c) Any person to whom funds, property, or claims have been transferred or delivered, pursuant to this section, shall be subject to the same obligation imposed upon the committee and upon the trustees.

§ 931.66 Effect of termination or amendment.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Secretary, the termination of this part or of any regulation issued pursuant to this part, or the issuance of any amendment to either thereof, shall not (a) affect or waive any right, duty, obligation, or liability which