

§711.8 Oath of office.

Each farmer appointed to serve as a member of a review committee panel shall, as soon as possible after appointment, execute an oath of office on such form as may be prescribed by the Deputy Administrator, duly subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before a notary public. No farmer shall serve on a review committee unless such oath of office has been duly executed and filed with the State executive director or the clerk. A farmer appointed for consecutive terms to serve as a member of a review committee panel shall not be required to file a new oath of office after the original filing. If the form of oath of office is materially changed, a new oath of office shall be executed if required by the Deputy Administrator.

§711.9 Composition of review committee.

(a) *Three designated members from the panel constitute a review committee.* Three members from the panel shall act as a review committee to hear applications for review for the prescribed area of venue. The State executive director shall designate from the panel of members for the prescribed area of venue three members who shall act as a review committee to hear specific applications and shall designate one of these three members as chairman of the review committee and another member as vice-chairman. Where the number of applications pending require two or more review committees for prompt disposition of such applications, the State executive director shall designate the members of each review committee, the chairman and vice chairman thereof, and the specific application to be heard by each review committee. Two or more review committees may hear applications concurrently in an area of venue. In the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the chairman. The State executive director shall notify members of each review committee of the schedule of hearings. No member shall serve in any case in which a quota will be reviewed for a farm in which such member, any of his relatives or business associates, is interested, nor shall any member serve

where he had acted as State, county, or community committee member on a quota to be reviewed by the review committee.

(b) *Only two members present to commence hearing.* Where only two members of a review committee are present to commence a hearing, although three members were scheduled to hear the application, at the request of or with the consent of the applicant in writing, a hearing conducted by two members of the review committee shall be deemed to be a regular hearing of the review committee as to such application. The determination made by such members shall constitute the determination of the review committee. In the event such members cannot agree upon a determination, such fact shall be set forth in writing and a new hearing scheduled by the State executive director. If the applicant does not consent in writing to a hearing conducted by two members of the review committee, the hearing shall be rescheduled.

(c) *Only two members remain to complete a hearing.* Where only two members of a review committee remain to complete a hearing commenced with three members, due to serious illness, death, or other cause which prevents one of the members from completing the hearing within a reasonable time, at the request or with the consent of the applicant in writing, the remaining two members of the review committee shall henceforth constitute an entire review committee for the purpose of such hearing. In the event such members cannot agree upon a determination, such fact shall be set forth in writing and a new hearing scheduled by the State executive director. If the applicant does not consent in writing to completion of the hearing by two members of the review committee, the hearing shall be rescheduled.

(d) *Reopened or remanded hearings.* In the case of a reopened or remanded hearing, if any member of the review committee is no longer in office because of death, resignation, or ineligibility, the State executive director shall designate another member of the review committee panel to serve on the review committee. If a hearing held pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this section is reopened or remanded and

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only one review committee member is available to hear such reopened or remanded hearing, the State executive director shall designate two additional members from the review committee panel to serve on the review committee.

§711.10 Term of office.

Appointment as a member of a review committee panel shall be for a term of 3 calendar years. A member may be reappointed for succeeding terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a review committee shall continue in office to conclude hearings before it which are begun during such 3-year term and make final determinations thereof, or to hold a reopened hearing, or to conclude a hearing remanded to it by a court.

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§711.11 Compensation.

The members designated as review committeemen shall receive compensation when serving at the same rate as that received by the members of the county committee which established the quotas sought to be reviewed. No member of a review committee shall be entitled to receive compensation for services as such member for more than 30 days in any one year. Payment of compensation, reimbursement for travel expenses and rates therefor, shall be made under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Deputy Administrator.

§711.12 Effect of change in composition of review committee.

Nothing contained in §§711.6 to 711.11 relating to any vacancy or revocation or suspension of appointment and nothing done pursuant thereto shall be construed as affecting the validity of any prior hearing conducted or determination made in accordance with the regulations in this part, in which the member of the review committee whose office has become vacant participated, or as affecting in any way court proceeding which may be instituted to review such determination.

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JURISDICTION

§711.13 Areas of venue and jurisdiction.

(a) *Areas of venue.* The State committee shall establish one or more areas of venue in the State. An area of venue may consist of all or part of a county, or more than one county within a State. In establishing areas of venue, the State committee shall take into consideration the requirements of section 363 of the Act as to eligibility of review committee members, the prompt handling of applications for review, transportation problems and the limit of 30-day service by review committeemen in any one year.

(b) *Jurisdiction.* A review committee shall have jurisdiction within the area of venue for which it is established to hear applications respecting quotas established or denied by written notice issued by the county committee or other authorized official for farms within its area of venue, in accordance with this part.

(c) A listing of the areas of venue within a State shall be available from the State FSA office and the Deputy Administrator.

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APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF QUOTA

§711.14 Application for review.

(a) *Manner and time of filing.* Any farmer who is dissatisfied with his quota may, within 15 days after the date of mailing to him of notice of such quota, file a written application for review thereof by the review committee. Such 15-day period is prescribed in accordance with section 363 of the Act. Unless application for review is timely filed, as determined under this section, the quota established by the notice shall not be subject to review by the review committee. Notice of quota subject to review under this part includes an official written notice as to the land constituting the farm. For example, a notice denying a request for farm reconstitution would be such a reviewable notice of quota. An application shall be in writing and addressed to, and filed with, the county executive director for the county from which the