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arriving at a proper determination of the claim. The claimant shall be advised in writing of the action taken by the Deputy Administrator. If disapproved, the claimant shall be notified with an explanation of the reasons for such disapproval.

§714.46 Certification for payment.

An officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture authorized to certify public vouchers for payment shall, for and on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, certify to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States for payment all claims for refund which have been approved.

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AUTHORITY: Secs. 312, 317, 336, 343, 344a, 358, 376, 52 Stat. 46, as amended; 79 Stat. 66, as amended; 52 Stat. 55, as amended, 56, as amended; 79 Stat. 1197, as amended; 55 Stat. 88 as amended; 52 Stat. 66, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1312, 1314c, 1336, 1343, 1344b, 1358, 1376.

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GENERAL

§717.1 Definitions.

In determining the meaning of the provisions in this part, unless the context indicates otherwise, words importing the singular include and apply to several persons or things, words importing the plural include the singular, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine as well, and words used in the present tense include the future as well as the present.

(a) *General terms.* The definitions in part 719 of this chapter shall apply to this part. The provisions of part 720 of this chapter concerning the expiration of time limitations shall apply to this part.

(b) *Act.* The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and any amendments or supplements thereto.

(c) *Referendum community.* For referenda conducted by mail ballot, the entire county shall be the referendum community. For referenda conducted at polling places, the referendum community shall conform with the community established by the State committee for purposes of elective areas under the regulations in the subpart—Selection and Functions of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County and Community Committees in part 7, subtitle A, of this title (§7.7, 33 FR 12955), as amended from time to time: *Provided*, That a referendum community may be composed of an area differing from the community so established in the following cases:

(1) A referendum community may be established by the county committee, with the approval of a representative of the State committee, to conform to a