

determined by CCC are met. Such records and accounts must be retained for three years after the date of payment to the wheat gluten or wheat starch producer under this program. Such records shall be available at all reasonable times for an audit or inspection by authorized representatives of CCC, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Comptroller General of the United States. Failure to keep, or make available, such records may result in refund to CCC of all payments received plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC.

(b) Producers participating in the Value-Added Wheat Gluten and Wheat Starch Product Market Development Program must submit a quarterly report listing completion of activities and costs incurred under the program.

(c) Participating producers must also submit a project performance report 60 days after the end of the first year of the program and 60 days after the end of the second year of the program. The report should explain the activities undertaken to adjust to import competition that were included in the Agreement. CCC will review the report following the first program year. If a participating producer has not made significant progress in completing the stated activities in the first program year as determined by CCC, CCC may cancel the producer's eligibility for the second program year, and CCC may require the producer to refund with interest all or some of the funds received from CCC. If a participating producer has not made significant progress in completing the stated activities in the second program year as determined by CCC, CCC may require the producer to refund with interest some or all of the funds received from CCC in the second year of the program.

**§ 1482.8 Payment.**

(a) The total amount of CCC funds available to eligible producers for the first year of this program is \$27 million and the total amount available for the second (final) year of this program is \$13 million.

(b) The maximum payment rate to an applicant will be based on an applicant's average annual production of vital wheat gluten from July 1, 1998

through June 30, 2000 relative to the total average annual U.S. production of vital wheat gluten of all eligible applicants.

(c) After receipt and approval of an eligible producer's application and proposal, CCC will issue payment for the first program year to the applicant. Upon satisfactory completion of the activities included in the producer's Agreement for the first program year, as determined by CCC after receipt of the report required in § 1482.7 (c), CCC will issue payment for the second program year to the producer.

**§ 1482.9 Debarment and suspension.**

The Government-wide debarment and suspension (Nonprocurement) regulations and Government Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 7 CFR part 3017, Subparts A through E, apply to this Part.

**§ 1482.10 Misrepresentation and scheme or device.**

(a) A producer shall be ineligible to receive payments under this program if CCC determines the producer:

(1) Adopted any scheme or device which tends to defeat the purpose of the program in this Part;

(2) Made any fraudulent representation; or

(3) Misrepresented any fact affecting a program determination.

(b) Any funds disbursed pursuant to this Part to a producer engaged in a misrepresentation, scheme, or device, or to any other person as a result of the producer's actions, shall be refunded with interest together with such other sums as may become due, plus damages as may be determined by CCC.

(c) Interest charged under this part shall accrue at the rate of interest which the United States Treasury charges CCC for funds. Such interest shall accrue from the date CCC made such funds available to the date of repayment or the date interest increases as determined in accordance with applicable regulations.

(d) CCC may waive the accrual of interest and/or damages if CCC determines that the cause of the erroneous determination was not due to any action of the producer.