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of their restricted obligation. The quantity delivered to each handler shall be that quantity represented by sums collected through default.

(g) *Collection upon bonds.* Collection upon any defaulted bond shall be deemed a satisfaction of the restricted obligation represented by the collection.

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§ 982.55 Exchange of certified merchantable hazelnuts withheld.

Any handler who has withheld from handling certified merchantable hazelnuts pursuant to the requirements of § 982.50 may exchange therefor an equal quantity, by weight, of other certified merchantable hazelnuts. Any such exchange shall be made under the direction or supervision of the Board.

§ 982.56 Interhandler transfers.

Within the area of production, interhandler transfers of hazelnuts may be made as follows:

(a) Uncertified inshell hazelnuts may be sold or delivered by one handler to another for packing or shelling, and the receiving handler shall be responsible for compliance with the regulations effective pursuant to this part with respect to such hazelnuts.

(b) Restricted hazelnuts withheld by a handler may be sold or delivered to another handler for shelling, export, or other authorized outlet subject to the disposition requirements set forth in § 982.52.

(c) Certified hazelnuts other than restricted hazelnuts may be sold or delivered by one handler to another and the transferring handler shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements effective pursuant to this part, unless specified and agreed upon in writing by both handlers that the receiving handler shall be responsible for such compliance and a copy of such agreement is furnished to the Board.

(d) The Board, with the approval of the Secretary, shall establish procedures, including necessary reports, for such transfers.

§ 982.57 Exemptions.

(a) *General.* The Board, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish such rules, regulations, and safeguards that exempt from any or all requirements pursuant to this part such quantities of hazelnuts or types of shipments as do not interfere with the volume and quality control objectives of this part, and shall require such reports, certifications, or other conditions as are necessary to ensure that such hazelnuts are handled or used only as authorized.

(b) *Sales by growers direct to consumers.* Any hazelnut grower may sell hazelnuts of such grower's own production free of the regulatory and assessment provisions of this part if such grower sells such hazelnuts in the area of production directly to end users at such grower's ranch or orchard or at roadside stands and farmers' markets. The Board, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish such rules, regulations, and safeguards and require such reports, certifications, and other conditions, as are necessary to ensure that such hazelnuts are disposed of only as authorized. Mail order sales are not exempt sales under this part.

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MARKET DEVELOPMENT

§ 982.58 Research, promotion, and market development.

(a) *General.* The Board, with the approval of the Secretary, may establish or provide for the establishment of projects involving production research, marketing research and development, and marketing promotion, including paid advertising, designed to assist, improve, or promote the marketing, distribution, consumption, or efficient production of hazelnuts. The Board may also provide for crediting the pro rata expense assessment obligations of a handler with such portion of such handler's direct expenditures for such marketing promotion including paid advertising as may be authorized. The expenses of such projects shall be paid from funds collected pursuant to § 982.61, § 982.63, or credited pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section.