

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 1160.604

L. 101-624, 7 U.S.C. 6401-6417) and any amendments thereto.

(b) *Department* means the United States Department of Agriculture.

(c) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in the Secretary's stead.

(d) *Administrator* means the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, with power to redelegate, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has been delegated or may hereafter be delegated to act in the Administrator's stead.

(e) *Order* means a Fluid Milk Promotion Order, and any amendments thereto, authorized by the Act.

(f) *Board* means the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board established pursuant to the Act.

(g) *Assessment* means the monies that are collected and remitted to the Board pursuant to the Act.

(h) *Person* means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative association or other entity.

(i) *Fluid milk processor* means any person who is defined as a fluid milk processor under the order, or under the proposed order on which the initial referendum is held.

(j) *Referendum agent* means the person designated by the Secretary to conduct the referendum.

(k) *Representative period* means the period designated by the Secretary pursuant to Sections 1999N and 1999O of the Act.

§ 1160.602 Conduct of referendum.

(a) The referendum shall be conducted by mail in the manner prescribed in this subpart. The referendum agent may utilize such personnel or agencies of the Department as are deemed necessary by the Administrator. There shall be no voting except within the time specified by the referendum agent.

(b) The referendum agent shall mail to each fluid milk processor that has properly registered to participate in the referendum:

(1) A ballot containing a description of the question(s) upon which the referendum is being held;

(2) Instructions for completing the ballot; and

(3) A statement as to the time within which the ballot must be mailed to the referendum agent.

§ 1160.603 Who may vote.

(a) Each person who was a fluid milk processor during the representative period, as determined by the Secretary, and who at the time of voter registration and when voting is processing and marketing commercially fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the United States shall be entitled to vote in a referendum, and no such person shall be refused a ballot. Any person casting more than one ballot with conflicting votes shall thereby invalidate all ballots cast by such person in such referendum. Each person voting shall have registered with the referendum agent prior to the voting period. Each ballot cast shall contain a certification by the person casting the ballot that such person is qualified to vote. All information required on the ballot pertinent to the identification of the person voting must be supplied and certified to as being correct in order for the ballot to be valid.

(b) Voting by proxy or agent will not be permitted. However, the ballot of a fluid milk processor who is other than an individual may be cast by a person who is duly authorized to do so, and such ballot shall contain a certification by such person that the entity on whose behalf the ballot is cast was a fluid milk processor during the representative period. All information required on the ballot pertinent to the identification of the fluid milk processor on whose behalf the ballot is cast must be supplied and certified to as being correct in order for the ballot to be valid.

§ 1160.604 Duties of the referendum agent.

The referendum agent, in addition to any other duties imposed by this subpart, shall: