

## SHORT TITLE

Section 1951 of Pub. L. 101-624 provided that: "This subtitle [subtitle D (§§1951-1963) of title XIX of Pub. L. 101-624, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990'."

## LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE OF PUB. L. 103-194

Pub. L. 103-194, §2, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2294, provided that:

"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

"(1) The Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 [7 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.] was enacted on November 28, 1990, for the purpose of establishing an orderly procedure for the development and financing of an effective and coordinated program of research, promotion, and consumer information to strengthen the domestic and foreign markets for limes.

"(2) The lime research, promotion, and consumer information order required by such Act became effective on January 27, 1992.

"(3) Although the intent of such Act was to cover seedless limes, the definition of the term 'lime' in section 1953(6) of such Act [7 U.S.C. 6202(6)] applies to seeded limes. Therefore, the Act and the order need to be revised before a research, promotion, and consumer information program on seedless limes can go into effect.

"(4) Since the enactment of the Lime Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990, the United States production of fresh market limes has plummeted and the volume of imports has risen dramatically. The drop in United States production is primarily due to damage to lime orchards in the State of Florida by Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. United States production is not expected to reach pre-Hurricane Andrew levels for possibly two to three years because a majority of the United States production of limes is in Florida.

"(b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of this Act [see Short Title of 1993 Amendment note above] is—

"(1) to revise the definition of the term 'lime' in order to cover seedless and not seeded limes;

"(2) to increase the exemption level;

"(3) to delay the initial referendum date; and

"(4) to alter the composition of the Lime Board."

## § 6202. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

**(1) Board**

The term "Board" means the Lime Board provided for under section 6204(b) of this title.

**(2) Consumer information**

The term "consumer information" means any action taken to provide information to, and broaden the understanding of, the general public regarding the use, nutritional attributes, and care of limes.

**(3) Handle**

The term "handle" means to sell, purchase, or package limes.

**(4) Handler**

The term "handler" means any person in the business of handling limes.

**(5) Importer**

The term "importer" means any person who imports limes into the United States.

**(6) Lime**

The term "lime" means the fruit of a citrus latifolia tree for the fresh market.

**(7) Marketing**

The term "marketing" means the sale or other disposition of limes in commerce.

**(8) Order**

The term "order" means a lime research, promotion, and consumer information order issued by the Secretary under section 6203(a) of this title.

**(9) Person**

The term "person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other legal entity.

**(10) Producer**

The term "producer" means any person who produces limes in the United States for sale in commerce.

**(11) Producer-handler**

The term "producer-handler" means any person who is both a producer and handler of limes.

**(12) Promotion**

The term "promotion" means any action taken under this chapter (including paid advertising) to present a favorable image for limes to the general public with the express intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating the sale of limes.

**(13) Research**

The term "research" means any type of research relating to the use and nutritional value of limes and designed to advance the image, desirability, marketability, or quality of limes.

**(14) Secretary**

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(15) State and United States**

The term—

(A) "State" means each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(B) "United States" means the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1953, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3871; Pub. L. 103-194, §3, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2295.)

## AMENDMENTS

1993—Par. (6). Pub. L. 103-194 substituted "citrus latifolia" for "citrus aurantifolia".

## § 6203. Issuance of orders

**(a) In general**

Subject to this chapter, and to effectuate the declared purposes of this chapter, the Secretary shall issue and, from time to time, amend lime research, promotion, and consumer information orders applicable to handlers, producers, producer-handlers, and importers of limes. Any such order shall be national in scope. Not more than one order shall be in effect under this chapter at any one time.

**(b) Procedure****(1) Proposal for issuance of order**

Any person that will be affected by this chapter may request the issuance of, and sub-