

(5) Department

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

(6) Research

The term “research” means market research to support advertising and promotion efforts, including educational activities, research directed to product characteristics, product development, including new products or improved technology in production, manufacturing or processing of milk and the products of milk.

(7) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(8) United States

The term “United States”, except as used in sections 6410 through 6412 of this title, means the 48 contiguous States in the continental United States and the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999C, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3915; Pub. L. 103-72, §2(a), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 717; Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §146(c), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 918; Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1506(a), (b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 210.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Par. (3). Pub. L. 107-171, §1506(a), added par. (3) and struck out heading and text of former par. (3). Text read as follows: “The term ‘fluid milk product’—

“(A) means any of the following products in fluid or frozen form: milk, skim milk, lowfat milk, milk drinks, buttermilk, filled milk, and milkshake and ice milk mixes containing less than 20 percent total solids, including any such products that are flavored, cultured, modified with added nonfat milk solids, concentrated (if in a consumer-type package), or re-constituted; and

“(B) does not include evaporated or condensed milk (plain or sweetened), evaporated or condensed skim milk (plain or sweetened), formulas specially prepared for infant feeding or dietary use that are packaged in hermetically sealed glass or all-metal containers, any product that contains by weight less than 6.5 percent nonfat milk solids, and whey.”

Par. (4). Pub. L. 107-171, §1506(b), substituted “3,000,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages per month (excluding products delivered directly to the place of residence of a consumer)” for “500,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages per month”.

1996—Par. (6). Pub. L. 104-127 amended heading and text of par. (6) generally. Text read as follows: “The term ‘research’—

“(A) means market research limited to the support of advertising and promotion efforts, including educational activities; and

“(B) does not include research directed to product characteristics such as nutrients; product development including new products; or improved technology in production, manufacturing or processing; or any other efforts not directly applicable to measuring or increasing the effectiveness of advertising activities in expanding sales of fluid milk products.”

1993—Par. (4). Pub. L. 103-72 amended par. (4) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (4) read as follows: “The term ‘fluid milk processor’ means any person who processes and markets commercially fluid milk products in consumer-type packages.”

§ 6403. Authority to issue orders**(a) In general**

To effectuate the declared policy under section 6401(b) of this title, the Secretary shall

issue and from time to time may amend, orders applicable to all fluid milk processors, authorizing—

(1) the collection of assessments on fluid milk products subject to this chapter; and

(2) the use of the assessments to provide research and advertising in a manner prescribed by this chapter.

(b) Scope

Any order issued under this chapter shall be national in scope.

(c) One order

Not more than one order shall be in effect under this chapter at any one time.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999D, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3916.)

§ 6404. Notice and comment

Not later than 60 days after the Secretary receives a request for the issuance of an order under this chapter, and a specific proposal for an order from individual fluid milk processors that marketed during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary, not less than 30 percent of the volume of fluid milk products marketed by all processors, the Secretary shall publish the proposed order and give due notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed order.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999E, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3916.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6405 of this title.

§ 6405. Findings and issuance of orders**(a) In general**

After notice and opportunity for public comment are given, as provided in section 6404 of this title, the Secretary shall issue an order, taking into consideration the comments received and including in the order provisions necessary to ensure that the order is in conformity with the requirements and the declared policy of this chapter.

(b) Effective date

Such order shall be issued and, if approved by fluid milk processors as provided in section 6413 of this title, shall become effective not later than 180 days following publication of the proposed order.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999F, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3916.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6413 of this title.

§ 6406. Regulations

The Secretary may issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this chapter and the powers vested in the Secretary by this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999G, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3916.)