
7 U.S. Code § 1359ff

Provisions applicable to producers

(a) Processor assurances

(1) In general

If allotments for a crop year are allocated to processors under section 1359dd of this title, the Secretary shall obtain from the processors such assurances as the Secretary considers adequate that the allocation will be shared among producers served by the processor in a fair and equitable manner that adequately reflects producers' production histories.

(2) Arbitration

(A) In general

Any dispute between a processor and a producer, or group of producers, with respect to the sharing of the allocation to the processor shall be resolved through arbitration by the Secretary on the request of either party.

(B) Period

The arbitration shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be—

- (i) commenced not more than 45 days after the request; and
- (ii) completed not more than 60 days after the request.

(b) Sugar beet processing facility closures

(1) In general

If a sugar beet processing facility is closed and the sugar beet growers that previously delivered beets to the facility elect to deliver their beets to another processing company, the growers may petition the Secretary to modify allocations under this subpart to allow the delivery.

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