

7 U.S. Code § 5103

Participation of Federal agencies

(a) Duties of Secretary of Agriculture

(1) In general

The Secretary, with respect to each program or agency under the jurisdiction of the Secretary—

- (A) shall prescribe rules requiring each such program or agency to participate in good faith in any State mediation program certified under section 5101 of this title;
- (B) shall participate in mediation programs certified under section 5101 of this title; and
- (C) shall—
 - (i) cooperate in good faith with requests for information or analysis of information made in the course of mediation under any mediation program certified under section 5101 of this title; and
 - (ii) if applicable, present and explore debt restructuring proposals advanced in the course of such mediation.

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