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Offices

1. The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, and the Corporation shall also have offices at such other places as it may deem necessary or desirable in the conduct of its business.

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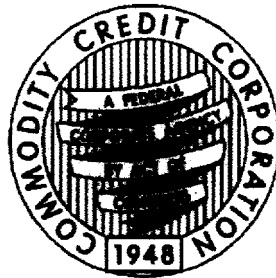
2. There is impressed below the official seal which is hereby adopted for the Corporation. Said seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Bylaws of Corporation

The Bylaws of the Commodity Credit Corporation, amended February 5, 1996, are as follows:



Meetings of the Board

3. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held, whenever necessary, in the Board meeting room in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the City of Washington, D.C. Notice of such meetings shall be provided in the same manner as is specified for special meetings in Paragraph 4. No regular meetings of the Board shall be held except in accordance with provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b).

4. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, or by the President, or the Executive Vice President and shall be called by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the President, or the Executive Vice at the written request of any five Members. Notice of special meetings shall be given either personally or by mail (including intradepartmental mail channels of the Department of Agriculture or interdepartmental mail channels of the Federal Government) or by mailgram, and notice by telephone shall be

personal notice. Any Member may waive in writing such notice as to himself, whether before or after the time of the meeting, and the presence of a Member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. No notice of an adjourned meeting need be given. Any and all business may be transacted at any special meeting unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof. No special meetings of the Board shall be held except in accordance with provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b).

5. The Secretary of Agriculture shall serve as Chairman of the Board. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Board and, in the absence or unavailability of the Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the Board. In the absence or unavailability of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the President of the Corporation shall preside at meetings of the Board. In the absence or unavailability of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the President, the

Members present at the meeting shall designate a Presiding Officer.

6. At any meeting of the Board a quorum shall consist of five Members. The act of a majority of the Members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board.

7. The General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, whose office shall perform all legal work of the Corporation, and the Associate General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel who is in immediate charge of legal work for the Corporation shall, as General Counsel and Associate General Counsel of the Corporation, respectively, attend meetings of the Board.

8. The Executive Vice President, the Vice President who is the Associate Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, and the Secretary shall attend meetings of the Board. Each of the other Vice Presidents and Deputy Vice Presidents and the Controller shall attend meetings of the Board during such time as the meetings are devoted to the consideration of matters for which such officer is responsible.

Compensation of Board Members

9. The compensation of each Member shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any Member who holds another office or position under the Federal Government, the compensation for which exceeds that prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture for such Member, may elect to receive compensation at the rate provided for such other office or position in lieu of compensation as a Member.

Officers

10. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice Presidents, and Deputy Vice Presidents as hereinafter provided for, a Secretary, a Controller, a Treasurer, a Chief Accountant, and such additional officers as the Secretary of Agriculture may appoint.

11. The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services shall be the ex officio President of the Corporation.

12. The following officials of the Farm Service Agency (hereinafter referred to as FSA), the Foreign Agricultural Service (hereinafter referred to as FAS), the Food and Consumer Service (hereinafter referred to as FCS), and the Agricultural Marketing Service (hereinafter referred to as AMS) shall be ex officio officers of the Corporation:

Administrator, FSA; Executive Vice President.
 Administrator, AMS; Vice President.
 Administrator, FAS; Vice President.
 Administrator, FCS; Vice President.
 General Sales Manager, FAS; Vice President.
 Associate Administrator, FSA; Vice President.
 Deputy Administrator, Program Delivery and Field Operations, FSA; Deputy Vice President.
 Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations, FSA; Deputy Vice President.
 Deputy Administrator, Management, FSA; Deputy Vice President.
 Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs, FSA; Deputy Vice President.
 Director, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, FSA; Deputy Vice President.
 Executive Assistant to the Administrator, FSA; Secretary.
 Director, Corporate Affairs Staff, Office of the Administrator, FSA; Deputy Secretary.
 Director, Financial Management Division, FSA; Controller.
 Deputy Director, Financial Management Division, FSA; Treasurer.
 Chief, Financial Accounting and Reporting Branch, Financial Management Division, FSA; Chief Accountant.

The person occupying, in an acting capacity, any position listed in this paragraph shall, during his occupancy of such position, act as the corresponding officer of the Corporation.

13. Officers who do not hold office ex officio shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and shall hold office until their respective appointments shall have been terminated.

The President

14. (a) The President shall have general supervision and direction of the Corporation, its officers and employees.

(b) The President shall establish and direct an Office of the Secretariat. Such office shall be responsible for obtaining or developing, as the President determines, information on major program or policy proposals submitted to the Board.

The Vice Presidents

15. (a) The Executive Vice President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall be responsible for submission of all Corporation policies and programs to the Board. Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) below, the Executive Vice President shall have general supervision and direction of the preparation of policies and programs for submission to the Board, of the administration of the policies and programs approved by the Board, and of the day-to-day conduct of the business of the Corporation and of its officers and employees.

(b) The Vice President who is the Administrator, FAS, shall be responsible for preparation for submission by the Executive Vice President to the Board of those policies and programs of the Corporation which are for performance through the facilities and personnel of FAS. He shall also have responsibility for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of FAS. He shall also perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time to time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(c) The Vice President who is Administrator, AMS, shall be responsible for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of AMS. He shall also perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may

be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(d) The Vice President who is the General Sales Manager, FAS, shall be responsible for preparation for submission by the Executive Vice President to the Board of policies and programs of the Corporation which are for performance through the facilities and personnel of FAS. He shall also have responsibility for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under the policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of FAS. He shall also perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(e) The Vice President who is the Administrator, FCS, shall be responsible for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of FCS. He shall also perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

16. The Vice President who is the Associate Administrator, FSA, and the Deputy Vice Presidents shall assist the Executive Vice President in the performance of his duties and the exercise of his powers to such extent as the President or the Executive Vice President shall prescribe, and shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, the President of the Corporation, or the Executive Vice President of the Corporation.

The Secretary

17. The Secretary shall attend and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board; shall attend to the giving and serving of all required notices of meetings of the Board; shall sign all papers and instruments to which his signature shall be necessary or appropriate; shall attest the authenticity of and affix the seal of the Corporation upon any instrument requiring such action and shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as are commonly incidental to the Office of Secretary as well as such other duties as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the President or the Executive Vice President.

The Controller

18. The Controller shall have charge of all fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation, including all borrowings and related financial arrangements, claims activities, and formulation of prices in accordance with established policies; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the President or the Executive Vice President.

The Treasurer

19. (a) The Treasurer shall assist the Controller in the administration of all fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation, including all borrowings and related financial arrangements, claims activities, and formulation of prices in accordance with established policies; and shall perform such other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller, the President, or the Executive Vice President.

(b) The Treasurer, under the general supervision and direction of the Controller, shall also have charge of the custody, safekeeping and disbursement of all funds of the Corporation; shall designate qualified persons to authorize disbursement of corporate funds; shall direct the disbursement of funds by disbursing officers of the Corporation or by the Treasurer of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks, and other fiscal agents of the Corporation; shall be responsible for documents relating to the general financing operations of the Corporation, including borrowings from the United States Treasury, commercial banks and others; shall arrange for the payment of interest on the capital stock of the Corporation; and shall coordinate and give general supervision to the claims activities of the Corporation and have authority to collect all monies due the Corporation, to receipt therefor, and to deposit same for the account of the Corporation.

The Chief Accountant

20. The Chief Accountant, under the general supervision and direction of the Controller, shall have charge of the general books and accounts of the Corporation and the preparation of financial statements and reports. He shall be responsible for the initiation, preparation and issuance of policies and practices related to accounting matters and procedures, including official inventories, records, accounting and related office procedures where standardized, and adequate subsidiary records of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities; and shall perform such

other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller.

Other Officials

21. Except as otherwise authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Board, the operations of the Corporation shall be carried out through the facilities and personnel of FSA, FAS, FCS, and AMS in accordance with any assignment of functions and responsibilities made by the Secretary of Agriculture and, within his respective agency or office, by the Administrators of FSA, FAS, FCS, or AMS, or the General Sales Manager, FAS.

22. The Directors of the divisions and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA shall be Contracting Officers and executives of the Corporation in general charge of the activities of the Corporation carried out through their respective divisions or offices. The responsibilities of such Directors in carrying out activities of the Corporation, which shall include the authority to settle and adjust claims by and against the Corporation arising out of activities under their jurisdiction, shall be discharged in conformity with these Bylaws and applicable programs, policies, and procedures.

Contracts of the Corporation

23. Contracts of the Corporation relating to any of its activities may be executed in its name by the Secretary of Agriculture or the President. The Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, the Treasurer, and the Directors of the divisions and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may execute contracts relating to the activities of the Corporation for which they are respectively responsible.

24. The Executive Vice President and, subject to the written approval by such Executive Vice President of each appointment, the Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, and the Directors of the divisions and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may appoint, by written instrument, such Contracting Officers as they deem necessary, who may, to the extent authorized by such instrument, execute contracts in the name of the Corporation. A copy of each such instrument shall be filed with the Secretary.

25. Appointments of Contracting Officers may be revoked by written

instrument or instruments by the Executive Vice President or by the official who made the appointment. A copy of each instrument shall be filed with the Secretary.

26. In executing a contract in the name of the Corporation, an official shall indicate his title.

Annual Report

27. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual report of the activities of the Corporation, which shall be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture and with the Board.

Amendments

28. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the Secretary of Agriculture. They may also be altered, amended or repealed by the Board at any regular or special meeting of the Board if: (1) the Secretary of Agriculture approves such action; and (2) in the case of action taken at a special meeting of the Board, notice of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal was contained in the notice of such special meeting.

Approval of Board Action

29. The actions of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

I, Greg Billings, Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true, and correct copy of the Bylaws of Commodity Credit Corporation, as amended February 5, 1996.

In witness whereof I have officially subscribed my name and have caused the corporate seal of the said Corporation to be fixed this sixth day of March, 1996.

Greg Billings,

Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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Food and Consumer Service

Food Stamp Program; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request—Federal Collection of State Plan of Operations, Operating Guidelines and Forms

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) is publishing for public comment a