

**CHAPTER 26A—AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AGREEMENTS**

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**§671. Arbitration of disputes concerning milk**

**(a) Application**

The Secretary of Agriculture, or such officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture as may be designated by him, upon written application of any cooperative association, incorporated or otherwise, which is in good faith owned or controlled by producers or organizations thereof, of milk or its products, and which is bona fide engaged in collective processing or preparing for market or handling or marketing (in the current of interstate or foreign commerce, as defined by section 610(j) of this title), milk or its products, may mediate and, with the consent of all parties, shall arbitrate if the Secretary has reason to believe that the declared policy of the Agricultural Adjustment Act [7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], as amended, would be effectuated thereby, bona fide disputes, between such associations and the purchasers or handlers or processors or distributors of milk or its products, as to terms and conditions of the sale of milk or its products. The power to arbitrate under this section shall apply only to such subjects of the term or condition in dispute as could be regulated under the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, relating to orders for milk and its products.

**(b) Conduct of meetings**

Meetings held pursuant to this section shall be conducted subject to such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

**(c) Approval of award**

No award or agreement resulting from any such arbitration or mediation shall be effective unless and until approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, or such officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture as may be designated by him, and shall not be approved if it permits any unlawful trade practice or any unfair method of competition.

**(d) Exemption from antitrust laws**

No meeting so held and no award or agreement so approved shall be deemed to be in violation of any of the antitrust laws of the United States.

(June 3, 1937, ch. 296, §3, 50 Stat. 248.)

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Agricultural Adjustment Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is title I of act [May 12, 1933, ch. 25, 48 Stat. 31](#), as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 26 (§601 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of this title and Tables.

**§672. Agreements; licenses, regulations, programs, etc., unaffected**

(a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as invalidating any marketing agreement, license, or order, or any regulation relating to, or any provision of, or any act of the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with, any such agreement, license, or order which has been executed, issued, approved, or done under the Agricultural Adjustment Act [7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], or any amendment thereof, but such marketing agreements, licenses, orders, regulations, provisions, and acts are expressly ratified, legalized, and confirmed.

(b) Any program in effect under the Agricultural Adjustment Act [7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], as reenacted and amended by this Act, on January 1, 1950, shall continue in effect without the necessity for any amendatory action relative to such program, but any such program shall be continued in operation by the Secretary of Agriculture only to establish and maintain such orderly marketing conditions as will tend to effectuate the declared purpose set out

in section 2 or 8c(18) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act [7 U.S.C. 602 or 608c(18)], as reenacted and amended by this Act.

(June 3, 1937, ch. 296, §4, 50 Stat. 249; July 3, 1948, ch. 827, title III, §302(e), 62 Stat. 1258.)

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act [June 3, 1937, ch. 296](#), 50 Stat. 246, known as the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act, referred to in text, is title I of act [May 12, 1933, ch. 25](#), 48 Stat. 31, which is classified generally to chapter 26 (§601 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of this title and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

**1948**—Act July 3, 1948, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1948 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act July 3, 1948, effective Jan. 1, 1950, see section 303 of act July 3, 1948, set out as a note under section 1301 of this title.

### **§673. Taxes under Agricultural Adjustment Act; laws unaffected**

No processing taxes or compensating taxes shall be levied or collected under the Agricultural Adjustment Act [7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], as amended. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, other than those enumerated in section 1 of Act of [June 3, 1937, ch. 296](#), 50 Stat. 246. The provisions so enumerated shall apply in accordance with their terms (as amended by this Act) to the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, this Act, and other provisions of law to which they have been heretofore made applicable.

([June 3, 1937, ch. 296, §5](#), 50 Stat. 249.)

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Agricultural Adjustment Act, referred to in text, is title I of act [May 12, 1933, ch. 25](#), 48 Stat. 31, which is classified generally to chapter 26 (§601 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of this title and Tables.

This Act, referred to in text, is act [June 3, 1937, ch. 296](#), 50 Stat. 246, known as the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

Section 1 of act [June 3, 1937, ch. 296](#), 50 Stat. 246, referred to in text, amended sections 601, 602, 608a, 608b, 608c, 608d, 608e, 610, 612, 614, and 624 of this title.

### **§674. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the "Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937".

([June 3, 1937, ch. 296, §6](#), 50 Stat. 249.)

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act [June 3, 1937, ch. 296](#), 50 Stat. 246, which among other things enacted this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.