CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110–234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

Section 11005 of Pub. L. 110–246, which directed amendment of title II of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, by adding sections 208 to 210 at the end, was executed by adding the sections at the end of this part, which is subtitle A of title II of the Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110–234 by Pub. L. 110–246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 197c. Arbitration

(a) In general

Any livestock or poultry contract that contains a provision requiring the use of arbitration to resolve any controversy that may arise under the contract shall contain a provision that allows a producer or grower, prior to entering the contract[1] to decline to be bound by the arbitration provision.

(b) Disclosure

Any livestock or poultry contract that contains a provision requiring the use of arbitration shall contain terms that conspicuously disclose the right of the contract producer or grower, prior to entering the contract, to decline the requirement to use arbitration to resolve any controversy that may arise under the livestock or poultry contract.

(c) Dispute resolution

Any contract producer or grower that declines a requirement of arbitration pursuant to subsection (b) has the right,[2] to nonetheless seek to resolve any controversy that may arise under the livestock or poultry contract, if, after the controversy arises, both parties consent in writing to use arbitration to settle the controversy.

(d) Application

Subsections (a)[1] (b) and (c) shall apply to any contract entered into, amended, altered, modified, renewed, or extended after the date of the enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

(e) Unlawful practice

Any action by or on behalf of a packer, swine contractor, or live poultry dealer that violates this section (including any action that has the intent or effect of limiting the ability of a producer or grower to freely make a choice described in subsection (b)) is an unlawful practice under this chapter.

(f) Regulations

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to—

(1) carry out this section; and

(2) establish criteria that the Secretary will consider in determining whether the arbitration process provided in a contract provides a meaningful opportunity for the grower or producer to participate fully in the arbitration process.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title II, § 210, as added Pub. L. 110–234, title XI, § 11005, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1357, and Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title XI, § 11005, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2119.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (d), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110–234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

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PART B—SWINE PACKER MARKETING CONTRACTS

TERMINATION OF PART

For termination of part by section 942 of Pub. L. 106–78, see Livestock Mandatory Reporting note set out under section 1635 of this title.

§ 198. Definitions

Except as provided in section 198b(a) of this title, in this part:

(1) Market

The term ''market'' means the sale or disposition of swine, pork, or pork products in commerce.

(2) Packer

The term ''packer'' has the meaning given the term in section 1635i of this title.

(3) Pork

The term ''pork'' means the meat of a porcine animal.

(4) Pork product

The term ''pork product'' means a product or byproduct produced or processed in whole or in part from pork.

(5) State

The term ''State'' means each of the 50 States.

(6) Swine

The term ''swine'' means a porcine animal raised to be a feeder pig, raised for seedstock, or raised for slaughter.

(7) Type of contract

The term ''type of contract'' means the classification of contracts or risk management agreements for the purchase of swine by—

(A) the mechanism used to determine the base price for swine committed to a packer,

[1] So in original. A comma probably should appear.

[2] So in original. The comma probably should not appear.