

paid under these circumstances shall be refunded and any amounts otherwise due the participant shall be withheld. The withholding or refunding of such payments will be in addition to any other penalty or liability otherwise imposed by law.

§ 702.24 Depriving others of payments.

If the COC with STC concurrence finds that any participant has employed any scheme or device to deprive any other person of payments under this part, it may withhold or require a refund of all or part of any program payment otherwise due or paid that person in accordance with the CRSC Contract. A scheme or device includes, but is not limited to, coercion, fraud, or misrepresentation.

§ 702.25 Miscellaneous.

(a) In accordance with the regulations set forth at 7 CFR part 796:

(1) No payment shall be made to any participant who harvests or knowingly permits to be harvested for illegal use, marijuana or other such prohibited drug-producing plants on any part of the lands owned or controlled by such participants; and

(2) Any participant who is convicted under Federal or State law of planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting, or storing a controlled substance in any crop year shall be ineligible for any payments under this part during that crop year and the four (4) succeeding crop years.

(b) In case of death, incompetency, or disappearance of any participant, any cost-share payment due shall be paid to the participant's successor in accordance with provisions of 7 CFR part 707.

§ 702.26 Paperwork Reduction Act assigned numbers.

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements contained in these regulations under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 33 and OMB number 0560-0128 has been assigned.

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§ 704.1 General description of the program.

(a) The regulations in this part set forth the terms and conditions for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) authorized by Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198), as amended. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to enter into contracts and make payments to eligible owners and operators of eligible cropland to assist them in conserving and improving the soil and water resources of their farms and ranches by converting such land to permanent vegetative cover in accordance with an approved conservation plan. A conservation plan for specified highly erodible croplands shall be developed in cooperation with