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members and their alternates, and only handlers in attendance at meetings for election of nominees shall participate in the nomination of handler members and their alternates. A grower may participate only in the election held in the district in which he produces pears, and a handler may participate only in the election held in the district or districts in which he handles pears. No person may vote both as a handler and as a grower. Each grower and each handler shall be entitled to cast one vote, on behalf of himself, his agents, partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, and representatives, for each nominee to be elected.

§ 927.24 Eligibility for membership.

Each grower member and each of his alternates shall be a grower who grows pears in the district in which and for which he is nominated and selected. Each handler member and each of his alternates shall be a handler, or an officer or employee of a handler, handling pears in the district in and for which he is nominated and selected.

§ 927.25 Failure to nominate.

In the event nominations are not made pursuant to §§ 927.21 and 927.22 on or before June 1 of any year, the Secretary may select members and alternates for members without regard to nominations.

§ 927.26 Qualifications.

Any person prior to or within 15 days after selection as a member or as an alternate for a member of the Control Committee shall qualify by filing with the Secretary a written acceptance of the person's willingness to serve.

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§ 927.27 Term of office.

The term of office of each member and alternate member of the Control Committee shall be for two years beginning July 1 and ending June 30: *Provided*, That the terms of office of one-half the initial members and alternates shall end June 30, 1988; and that beginning with the 1987-88 fiscal periods, no member shall serve more than three consecutive two-year terms unless specifically exempted by the Secretary.

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Members and alternate members shall serve in such capacities for the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified. The terms of office of successor members and alternates shall be so determined that one-half of the total committee membership ends each June 30.

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§ 927.28 Alternates for members of the Control Committee.

The first alternate for a member shall act in the place and stead of the member for whom he is an alternate during such member's absence. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his first alternate shall act as a member until a successor for the member is selected and has qualified. The second alternate for a member shall serve in the place and stead of the member for whom he is an alternate whenever both the member and his first alternate are unable to serve.

§ 927.29 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate for a member of the Control Committee to qualify, or in the event of death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any qualified member or qualified alternate for a member, a successor for his unexpired term shall be nominated and selected in the manner set forth in §§ 927.20 to 927.35. If nominations to fill any such vacancy are not made within 20 days after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may fill such vacancy without regard to nominations.

§ 927.30 Compensation and expenses.

The members and alternates for members of the Control Committee shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their respective duties.

§ 927.31 Powers of Control Committee.

The Control Committee shall have the following powers:

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(a) To administer, as specifically provided in §§ 927.20 to 927.35, the terms and provisions of this subpart:

(b) To make administrative rules and regulations in accordance with, and to effectuate, the terms and provisions of this subpart; and

(c) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this subpart.

§ 927.32 Duties of Control Committee.

The duties of the Control Committee shall be as follows:

(a) To act as intermediary between the Secretary and any grower or handler;

(b) To keep minutes, books, and records which will reflect clearly all of the acts and transactions of the Control Committee, which minutes, books, and records shall be subject at any time to examination by the Secretary or by such person as may be designated by the Secretary;

(c) To investigate, from time to time, and to assemble data on the growing, harvesting, shipping, and marketing conditions relative to pears, and to furnish to the Secretary such available information as may be requested;

(d) To perform such duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Secretary in connection with the administration of section 32 of the act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes, Public Act No. 320, 74th Congress, approved August 24, 1935 (49 Stat. 774), as amended;

(e) To cause the books of the Control Committee to be audited by one or more competent accountants at the end of each fiscal year and at such other times as the Control Committee may deem necessary or as the Secretary may request, and to file with the Secretary copies of any and all audit reports made;

(f) To appoint such employees as it may deem necessary, and to determine the salaries and define the duties of such employees;

(g) To give the Secretary, or the designated agent of the Secretary, the same notice of meetings of the Control Committee as is given to the members of the Control Committee;

(h) To select a chairman of the Control Committee and, from time to

time, such other officers as it may deem advisable; and

(i) To submit to the Secretary each fiscal period a budget of its expenses during that fiscal year.

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§ 927.33 Procedure of Control Committee.

(a) *Quorum and voting.* A quorum at a meeting of the Control Committee shall consist of nine members, or alternates then serving in the place of any members. Except as otherwise provided in § 927.52, all decisions of the Control Committee at any meeting shall require the concurring vote of at least 75 percent of those members present, including alternates then serving in the place of any members.

(b) *Mail voting.* The Control Committee may provide for members voting by mail, telecopier or other electronic means, telephone, or telegraph, upon due notice to all members. Promptly after voting by telephone or telegraph, each member thus voting shall confirm in writing, the vote so cast.

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§ 927.34 Rights of the Secretary.

The members and alternates for members of the Control Committee and any agent or employee appointed or employed by the Control Committee shall be subject to removal or suspension by the Secretary at any time. Each and every regulation, decision, determination, or other act of the Control Committee shall be subject to the continuing right of the Secretary to disapprove of the same at any time, and, upon such disapproval, shall be deemed null and void, except as to acts done in reliance thereon or in compliance therewith prior to such disapproval by the Secretary.

§ 927.35 Funds and other property.

(a) All funds received by the Control Committee pursuant to any of the provisions of this subpart shall be used solely for the purposes specified in this subpart, and the Secretary may require