

Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA

§ 1499.11

obliterated or removed before the donated commodities are transferred by sale or donation.

(f) A participant may retain any proceeds generated by the disposal of the donated commodities in accordance with paragraph (e)(1) of this section and shall use the proceeds for expenses related to the disposal of the donated commodities and for activities specified in the agreement.

(g) The participant shall notify FAS immediately and provide detailed information about the actions taken in accordance with paragraph (e)(1) of this section, including the quantities, values, and dispositions of commodities determined to be unfit.

§ 1499.10 Claims for damage to or loss of commodities.

(a) FAS will be responsible for claims arising out of damage to or loss of a quantity of the donated commodities prior to the transfer of title to the commodities to the participant.

(b) If the participant has title to the donated commodities, and the value of the damaged or lost donated commodities is estimated to be \$20,000 or greater, the participant will be responsible for:

(1) Initiating a claim arising out of such damage or loss, including actions relating to collections pursuant to commercial insurance contracts; and

(2) Notifying FAS immediately and providing detailed information about the circumstances surrounding such damage or loss, the quantity of damaged or lost donated commodities, and the value of the damage or loss.

(c) If the participant has title to the donated commodities, and the value of the damaged or lost donated commodities is estimated to be less than \$20,000, the participant will be responsible for providing detailed information about the damage or loss in the next report required to be filed under § 1499.13(c)(1) or (2) and shall not be required to initiate a claim collection action.

(d)(1) The value of a claim for lost donated commodities shall be determined on the basis of the commodity acquisition, transportation, and related costs incurred by CCC with respect to such commodities.

(2) The value of a claim for damaged donated commodities shall be determined on the basis of the commodity acquisition, transportation, and related costs incurred by CCC with respect to such commodities, less any funds generated if such commodities are sold in accordance with § 1499.9(e)(1).

(e) If FAS determines that a participant is not exercising due diligence in the pursuit of a claim, FAS may require the participant to assign its rights to pursue the claim to FAS.

(f)(1) The participant may retain any funds obtained as a result of a claims collection action initiated by it in accordance with this section, or recovered pursuant to any insurance policy or other similar form of indemnification, but such funds shall only be expended for purposes approved in advance by FAS.

(2) FAS will retain any funds obtained as a result of a claims collection action initiated by it under this section; provided, however, that if the participant paid for the freight or a portion thereof, FAS will use a portion of such funds to reimburse the participant for such expense on a prorated basis.

§ 1499.11 Use of commodities and sale proceeds.

(a) A participant must use the donated commodities in accordance with the agreement.

(b) A participant shall not permit the distribution, handling, or allocation of donated commodities on the basis of political affiliation, geographic location, or the ethnic, tribal or religious identity or affiliation of the potential consumers or beneficiaries.

(c) A participant shall not permit the distribution, handling, or allocation of donated commodities by the military forces or any government or insurgent group without the specific authorization of FAS.

(d) A participant may sell or barter donated commodities only if such sale or barter is provided for in the agreement or the participant is disposing of damaged commodities as specified in § 1499.9. The participant shall sell the donated commodities at a reasonable market price in the economy where the