

## § 774.19

(c) *Security requirements.* (1) The Agency will require a first position pledge and assignment of the applicant's monetary claim in the AgriBiotech bankruptcy estate to secure the loan.

(2) If the applicant has seed remaining in their possession that was produced under contract to AgriBiotech, the applicant also will provide the Agency with a first lien position on this seed. It is the responsibility of the applicant to negotiate with any existing lienholders to secure the Agency's first lien position.

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### § 774.19 Processing applications.

Applications will be processed until such time that funds are exhausted, or all claims have been paid and the bankruptcy involving AgriBiotech has been discharged. When all loan funds have been exhausted or the bankruptcy is discharged, no further applications will be accepted and any pending applications will be considered withdrawn.

### § 774.20 Funding applications.

Loan requests will be funded based on the date the Agency approves an application. Loan approval is subject to the availability of funds.

### § 774.21 [Reserved]

### § 774.22 Loan closing.

(a) *Conditions.* The applicant must meet all conditions specified by the loan approval official in the notification of loan approval prior to closing.

(b) *Loan instruments and legal documents.* The applicant will execute all loan instruments and legal documents required by the Agency to evidence the debt, perfect the required security interest in the bankruptcy claim, and protect the Government's interest, in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. In the case of an entity applicant, all officers or partners and any board members also will be required to execute the promissory notes as individuals.

(c) *Fees.* The applicant will pay all loan closing fees for recording any legal instruments determined to be

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necessary and all notary, lien search, and similar fees incident to loan transactions. No fees will be assessed for work performed by Agency employees.

### § 774.23 Loan servicing.

Loans will be serviced as a Non-program loan in accordance with 7 CFR part 766. If the loan is not repaid as agreed and default occurs, servicing will proceed in accordance with 7 CFR part 766, subpart H.

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### § 774.24 Exception.

The Agency may grant an exception to any of the requirements of this section, if the proposed change is in the best financial interest of the Government and not inconsistent with the authorizing statute or other applicable law.

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### § 780.1 General.

This part sets forth rules applicable to appealability reviews, reconsiderations, appeals and alternative dispute resolution procedures comprising in aggregate the informal appeals process of