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§ 1425.8 Ownership and control.

(a) CMA’s must be owned and controlled by active members of the CMA.

(b) The CMA must provide evidence that:

(1) Active members own more than 50 percent of its allocated equity; and

(2) A majority of directors are active members of the CMA or authorized representatives of active members.

(c) An applicant cooperative or a CMA, not under the ownership or control, of its active members, may be approved by CCC if it is able to establish that, by retiring the equity of its inactive members or by obtaining new members, it can vest ownership and control in its active members, as required by this section, by a date specified by CCC.

§ 1425.9 Open membership.

(a) The CMA shall provide CCC documented proof that the CMA admits every membership applicant who is eligible under the statute regulating the CMA.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, a CMA may refuse membership to an applicant whose admission would prejudice, hinder, or otherwise obstruct the interests or purposes of the CMA.

§ 1425.10 Financial ratio requirement.

To be financially able to make advances to their members and to market their commodities, CMA’s shall have a current ratio of at least 1 dollar of current assets for each 1 dollar of current liabilities (current ratio of 1:1 or better) on the balance sheet it submits to CCC with its initial application or annual recertification required in §1425.4.

§§ 1425.11–1425.12 [Reserved]

§ 1425.13 Uniform marketing agreement.

(a) A CMA must enter into a uniform marketing agreement with each member who delivers a commodity to a loan pool.

(b) The identification number used by the member to report acreage on applicable farms to FSA must appear on the marketing agreement.

§ 1425.14 Member business.

(a) At least 50 percent of a crop of an authorized commodity acquired by, or delivered to, a CMA for marketing must be produced by its members for the CMA to obtain a loan or LDP for such crop. CCC may, for a period not to exceed 2 years, waive this requirement if:

(1) The CMA can establish to CCC that such authorization is necessary for the efficient operation of the CMA; and

(2) The CMA’s plan, approved by CCC, will bring the CMA into compliance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Commodities purchased or acquired from CCC and processed products acquired from other processors or merchandisers shall not be considered in determining the volume of member or nonmember business.

§ 1425.15 Vested authority.

The marketing agreement between the CMA and its members shall give the CMA the authority to pledge the commodity as collateral for a loan, to place a lien on such commodity, and to market the commodity on behalf of its members even though the individual members retain the right, in effect, to determine the price at which the commodity can be marketed by the CMA.

§ 1425.16 Payment limitation.

CMA’s shall monitor market gains they receive from CCC on behalf of their members and not obtain market gains for a member above the member’s payment limitation determined in accordance with part 1400 of this chapter.

§ 1425.17 Eligible commodity and pooling.

(a) A CMA may establish separate loan pools as needed for quantities of a commodity.

(b) Loans and, if applicable, LDP’s will be available to CMA’s for any eligible commodity in a loan pool as provided in paragraph (e) of this section and the beneficial interest provisions of parts 1421 and 1427 of this chapter.