Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

Subpart—Order Regulating Handling

§ 906.1 Secretary.
Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

§ 906.2 Act.

§ 906.3 Person.
Person means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other business unit.

§ 906.4 Production area.
Production area means all territory in the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy in the State of Texas.

§ 906.5 Fruit.
Fruit means either or both of the following citrus fruits grown in the production area: (a) Citrus grandis, Osbeck, commonly called grapefruit; and (b) Citrus sinensis, Osbeck, commonly called oranges.

§ 906.6 Handler.
Handler is synonymous with shipper and means any person (except a common or contract carrier of fruit owned by another person) who handles fruit or causes fruit to be handled.

(a) Independent handler. Independent handler means any handler other than a handler that is a cooperative marketing organization.
(b) [Reserved]

§ 906.7 Handle.
Handle or ship means to transport or sell fruit, or in any other way to place fruit, in the current of commerce between the production area and any point outside thereof in the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

§ 906.8 Producer.
Producer means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of fruit for market.

(a) Independent producer. Independent producer means any producer who does not market his fruit through a handler that is a cooperative marketing organization.
(b) [Reserved]

§ 906.9 Grade and size.
Grade means any one of the established grades of fruit and size means any one of the established sizes of fruit as defined and set forth in the applicable U.S. Standards for fruit (§§ 51.680 through 51.714 and §§ 51.620 through 51.653) issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, or variations based thereon recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

§ 906.10 Pack.
Pack means the specific grade, quality, size, or arrangement of fruit in a particular container or containers.

§ 906.11 Maturity.
Maturity means various degrees of ripeness for fruit as established by the committee with approval of the Secretary.

§ 906.12 Container.
Container means any box, bag, crate, hamper, basket, package, bulk carton, or any other type of receptacle used in the packaging, transportation, sale, or other handling of fruit.

§ 906.13 Variety or varieties.
Variety or varieties means any one or more of the following groupings or classifications of fruit:

(a) Navel oranges;
(b) Early and Midseason oranges, except Navel oranges;
(c) Valencia and similar late type oranges;
(d) White seeded grapefruit;
(e) White seedless grapefruit;