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§ 1409.1 General statement.

(a) It is the policy of Commodity Credit Corporation, under the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b) to make available to the public, to the fullest extent practicable, information regarding the decision process of the Board of Directors of Commodity Credit Corporation.

(b) This part sets forth the procedural requirements designed to provide the public with such information while continuing to protect the rights of individuals and to maintain the capabilities of Commodity Credit Corporation in carrying out its responsibilities under the statutes administered by Commodity Credit Corporation.

§ 1409.2 Definitions.

(a) The term *Board* means the Board of Directors of Commodity Credit Corporation.

(b) The term *Director* means an individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of Commodity Credit Corporation and includes the Secretary of Agriculture, who is by statute an ex-officio director and Chairman of the Board.

(c) The term *General Counsel* means the General Counsel or the Assistant General Counsel of Commodity Credit Corporation.

(d) The term *meeting* means the deliberations of at least five (quorum) Directors of the Board of Directors of Commodity Credit Corporation where such deliberations determine or result in the joint conduct or disposition of official Board business but shall not include deliberations for:

(1) Closing a portion or portions of a meeting or series of meetings as provided in § 1409.5 (a) and (b) of this part, or

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(2) Calling a meeting at a date earlier than announced as provided in paragraph 1409.6(a)(2) of this part; or

(3) Changing the subject matter of a publicly announced meeting as provided in § 1409.6(b) of this part; or

(4) Determining whether or not to withhold from disclosure information pertaining to a meeting or portions of a meeting or series of meetings as provided in § 1409.5(b) of this part.

(e) The term *public observation* means the right of any member of the public to attend and observe, but not participate or interfere in any way in an open meeting of the Board, within the limits of reasonable and comfortable accommodations made available for such purpose by Commodity Credit Corporation.

§ 1409.3 Open meetings.

Every portion of every meeting of the Board of Directors will be open to public observation except as provided in §§ 1409.4 and 1409.5 of this part.

§ 1409.4 Exemptions.

(a) A portion or portions of a Board meeting may be closed to the public and any information pertaining to such meeting otherwise required by § 1409.3 of this part to be disclosed to the public may be withheld, where the Board determines that public disclosure of information to be discussed at such meetings is likely to—

(1) Disclose matters that are:

(i) Specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or foreign policy and

(ii) In fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(2) Relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practice of Commodity Credit Corporation;

(3) Disclose matters specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552), provided that such statute:

(i) Requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or

(ii) Establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;