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(3) The participant(s) are not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract;

(4) The same acreage is later enrolled in another State, Federal, or local conservation program, unless the Deputy Administrator approves otherwise;

(5) The PRP practice fails after a certain time period, as determined by the Deputy Administrator, and the CCC determines the cost of restoring the cover outweighs the benefits received from the restoration; or

(6) The PRP contract was approved based on erroneous eligibility determinations.

(g) When a PRP contract is terminated, the participant must, except as agreed to by CCC, refund all or part of the payments made with respect to such contract plus interest thereon, as determined by CCC, and shall pay liquidated damages as provided for in such contract. CCC, in its discretion, may permit a lesser payment to the extent that such a reduction will not impair program operations.

§ 1439.333 Contract modifications.

By mutual agreement between CCC and the participant, a PRP contract may be modified in order to:

(a) Decrease acreage in the PRP;

(b) Facilitate the practical administration of the PRP; or

(c) Accomplish the goals and objectives of the PRP, as determined by the Deputy Administrator.

§§ 1439.334-1439.339 [Reserved]

§ 1439.340 Payments.

(a) Payments shall be made available upon a determination by CCC that an eligible practice, or an identifiable unit thereof, has been established in compliance with the appropriate standards and specifications. Payments will be prorated if requests for assistance exceed available funding.

(b) Except as otherwise provided for in this part, payments may be made under the PRP only for the cost-effective establishment or installation of an eligible practice.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds, payments shall be made in such amount and in accordance with such

time schedule as may be agreed upon and specified in the PRP contract.

(d) Payment shall be made on a per-acre basis.

(e) The payment shall be divided among the participants on a single contract in the manner agreed upon in such contract.

(f) The maximum amount of all payments that a person may receive under the PRP shall not exceed \$2,500. The regulations set forth at part 1400 of this chapter shall be applicable in making certain eligibility and "person" determinations as they apply to payment limitations under this part.

(g) Payments shall be limited as needed or appropriate to account for mandatory or discretionary limits on payments.

§ 1439.341 Levels and rates for payments.

(a) As determined by the Deputy Administrator, CCC shall pay not more than 50 percent of the average cost of reestablishing the approved forage crop, including reseeding, on eligible land.

(b) The average cost of performing a practice may be determined by CCC based on recommendations from the State Technical Committee or on such other basis as it deemed appropriate. Such cost may be the average cost in a State, a county, or a part of a county or counties, as determined by the Deputy Administrator.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, no payment shall exceed \$75 per acre without approval of the Deputy Administrator. In no case shall a payment exceed \$125 per acre.

§ 1439.342 Method of payment.

Payments made by CCC under this part may be made in cash, in kind, in commodity certificates, or any combination of such methods of payment in accordance with part 1401 of this chapter, unless otherwise specified by CCC.

§§ 1439.343-1439.349 [Reserved]

§ 1439.350 Payments to participants.

Payments shall be made to the participants responsible for the establishment of the practice.