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information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that such regulations will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act. Such regulations may:

(1) Limit, during any period or periods, the shipment of any particular grade, size, quality, maturity, or pack, or any combination thereof, of any variety or varieties of nectarines grown in the production area;

(2) Limit the shipment of nectarines by establishing, in terms of grades, sizes, or both, minimum standards of quality and maturity during any period when season average prices are expected to exceed the parity level;

(3) Fix the size, capacity, weight, dimensions, markings, or pack of the container, or containers, which may be used in the packaging or handling of nectarines.

(b) The committee shall be informed immediately of any such regulation issued by the Secretary and the committee shall promptly give notice thereof to handlers.

§916.53 Modification, suspension, or termination of regulations.

(a) In the event the committee at any time finds that, by reason of changed conditions, any regulations issued pursuant to §916.52 should be modified, suspended, or terminated, it shall so recommend to the Secretary.

(b) Whenever the Secretary finds from the recommendations and information submitted by the committee or from other available information, that a regulation should be modified, suspended, or terminated with respect to any or all shipments of nectarines in order to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall modify, suspend, or terminate such regulation. If the Secretary finds that a regulation obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall suspend or terminate such regulation. On the same basis and in like manner the Secretary may terminate any such modification or suspension.

§916.54 Special purpose shipments.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person may, without regard to the provisions of §§916.41, 916.52, 916.53, and 916.55, and the regula-

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tions issued thereunder, handle nectarines (1) for consumption by charitable institutions; (2) for distribution by relief agencies; or (3) for commercial processing into products.

(b) Upon the basis of recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, the Secretary may relieve from any or all requirements, under or established pursuant to §§916.41, 916.52, 916.53, or 916.55, the handling of nectarines (1) to designated market areas within the State of California; or (2) for such specified purposes (including shipments to facilitate the conduct of marketing research and development projects established pursuant to §916.45), or in such minimum quantities or types of shipments, as may be prescribed.

(c) The committee shall, with the approval of the Secretary, prescribe such rules, regulations, and safeguards as it may deem necessary to prevent nectarines handled under the provisions of this section from entering the channels of trade for other than the specific purposes authorized by this section. Such rules, regulations, and safeguards may include the requirements that handlers shall file applications and receive approval from the committee for authorization to handle nectarines pursuant to this section, and that such applications be accompanied by a certification by the intended purchaser or receiver that the nectarines will not be used for any purpose not authorized by this section.

§916.55 Inspection and certification.

(a) Whenever the handling of any variety of nectarines is regulated pursuant to §916.52, or §916.53, each handler who handles nectarines shall, prior thereto, cause such nectarines to be inspected by the Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service and certified as meeting the applicable requirements of such regulation: *Provided*, That inspection and certification shall not be required for nectarines which previously have been so inspected and certified if such prior inspection was performed within such period as may be established pursuant to paragraph (b)