

THREATENED VIOLATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE FROM AFFECTED PRODUCERS OF RAW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OR THE COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ASSOCIATION OF WHICH THE PRODUCERS ARE MEMBERS, OR WITH WHOM THEY HAVE A MARKETING CONTRACT. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IMMEDIATELY SHALL MAKE ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATIONS, EXAMINATIONS, OR INSPECTIONS OF ANY VIOLATION OR THREATENED VIOLATION SPECIFIED IN THE SWORN COMPLAINT FILED WITH HIM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 66C, §60A(b) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

SEC. 10-203. HEARING; ACTION TO ENJOIN VIOLATIONS; SUMMONS; CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIONS.

AFTER RECEIVING A SWORN COMPLAINT AND HOLDING AN INFORMAL HEARING ON THE CHARGES MADE IN THE COMPLAINT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IMMEDIATELY SHALL BRING AN ACTION TO ENJOIN THE VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE AS SET FORTH IN THE COMPLAINT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED. A SUMMONS IN THE ACTION AGAINST ANY DEFENDANT SHALL BE ISSUED AS IN OTHER CIVIL ACTIONS. ACTIONS AGAINST DIFFERENT DEFENDANTS MAY BE CONSOLIDATED, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT, IF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS ARE OF THE SAME PROVISION, HAVE OCCURRED IN THE SAME OR AN ADJOINING COUNTY, RELATE TO THE SAME PRODUCTION SEASON, AND CONSOLIDATION CAN BE MADE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO A SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT OF ANY DEFENDANT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 66C, §60A(c) of the Code. The present provision requiring the summons to be issued to the sheriff of the county in which the defendant resides is proposed for deletion. Since this section also provides that the summons be served as in other civil actions, the general provisions of the Code are operative here. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 10-204. APPLICABILITY OF SUBTITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF A PRODUCER OF RAW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WHO HAS NOT SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH A COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ASSOCIATION, TO BARGAIN FOR HIS CROP INDIVIDUALLY WITH ANY BUYER. A BUYER MAY BARGAIN FOR ANY OF HIS RAW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS WITH