

ARTICLE IV. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

SEC. 8. POWERS TO PROMOTE REGULATORY UNIFORMITY, SIMPLICITY, AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION.

THE COMMISSION IS HEREBY EMPOWERED TO:

(1) INVESTIGATE OR PROVIDE FOR INVESTIGATIONS OR RESEARCH PROJECTS DESIGNED TO REVIEW THE EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, TO CONSIDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION AND COSTS, TO MEASURE THEIR IMPACT ON THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF MILK AND THEIR EFFECTS ON THE SHIPMENT OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WITHIN THE REGION.

(2) PREPARE AND TRANSMIT TO THE PARTICIPATING STATES MODEL DAIRY LAWS AND REGULATIONS DEALING WITH THE INSPECTION OF FARMS AND PLANTS, SANITARY CODES, LABELS FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS AND THEIR IMITATIONS, STANDARDS FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS, LICENSE STANDARDS, PRODUCER SECURITY PROGRAMS, AND FAIR TRADE LAWS.

(3) STUDY AND RECOMMEND TO THE PARTICIPATING STATES JOINT OR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DAIRY LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND TO PREPARE ESTIMATES OF COST SAVINGS AND BENEFITS OF SUCH PROGRAMS.

(4) ENCOURAGE THE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS IN THE INDUSTRY FOR THE SOLUTION OF THEIR MATERIAL PROBLEMS. CONDUCT SYMPOSIUMS OR CONFERENCES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE INDUSTRY RELATIONS, OR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS.

(5) PREPARE AND RELEASE PERIODIC REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS OF THE COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO THE PARTICIPATING STATES.

(6) REVIEW THE EXISTING MARKETING SYSTEM FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS AND RECOMMEND CHANGES IN THE EXISTING STRUCTURE FOR ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF MILK WHICH MAY ASSIST, IMPROVE, OR PROMOTE MORE EFFICIENT ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF MILK.

(7) INVESTIGATE COSTS AND CHARGES FOR PRODUCING, HAULING, HANDLING, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTING, SELLING AND FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES PERFORMED WITH RESPECT TO MILK.

(8) EXAMINE CURRENT ECONOMIC FORCES AFFECTING PRODUCERS, PROBABLE TRENDS IN PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION, THE LEVEL OF DAIRY FARM PRICES IN RELATION TO COSTS, THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF DAIRY FARMERS, AND THE NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY ORDER TO RELIEVE CRITICAL CONDITIONS ON DAIRY FARMS.

SEC. 9. EQUITABLE FARM PRICES.

(A) THE POWERS GRANTED IN THIS SECTION AND § 10 SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPACT OVER-ORDER PRICE, SO LONG AS FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT IN THE REGION. IN THE EVENT THAT