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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lime Research, Pro-
3 motion, and Consumer Information Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Lime Research, Promotion, and
7 Consumer Information Act of 1990 was enacted on
8 November 28, 1990, for the purpose of establishing
9 an orderly procedure for the development and fi-
10 nancing of an effective and coordinated program of
11 research, promotion, and consumer information to
12 strengthen the domestic and foreign markets for
13 limes.

14 (2) The lime research, promotion, and
15 consumer information order required by such Act be-
16 came effective on January 27, 1992.

17 (3) Although the intent of such Act was to
18 cover seedless limes, the definition of the term
19 “lime” in section 1953(6) of such Act applies to
20 seeded limes. Therefore, the Act and the order need
21 to be revised before a research, promotion, and
22 consumer information program on seedless limes can
23 go into effect.

24 (4) Since the enactment of the Lime Research,
25 Promotion, and Consumer Information Act of 1990,
26 the United States production of fresh market limes

1 has plummeted and the volume of imports has risen
2 dramatically. The drop in United States production
3 is primarily due to damage to lime orchards in the
4 State of Florida by Hurricane Andrew in August
5 1992. United States production is not expected to
6 reach pre-Hurricane Andrew levels for possibly two
7 to three years because a majority of the United
8 States production of limes is in Florida.

9 (b) PURPOSES.—The purpose of this Act is—

- 10 (1) to revise the definition of the term “lime”
11 in order to cover seedless and not seeded limes;
12 (2) to increase the exemption level;
13 (3) to delay the initial referendum date; and
14 (4) to alter the composition of the Lime Board.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF LIME.**

16 Section 1953(6) of the Lime Research, Promotion,
17 and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
18 6202(6)) is amended by striking “citrus aurantifolia” and
19 inserting “citrus latifolia”.

20 **SEC. 4. REQUIRED TERMS IN ORDERS.**

21 (a) COMPOSITION OF LIME BOARD.—Subsection (b)
22 of section 1955 of the Lime Research, Promotion, and
23 Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6204) is
24 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “7” and
2 inserting “3”;

3 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “7” and
4 inserting “3”;

5 (3) in paragraph (2)(F), by adding at the end
6 the following new sentence: “The Secretary shall ter-
7minate the initial Board established under this sub-
8section as soon as practicable after the date of the
9enactment of the Lime Research, Promotion, and
10Consumer Information Improvement Act.”; and

11 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2)(F) the fol-
12lowing new paragraph:

13 “(G) BOARD ALLOCATION.—The producer
14and importer representation on the Board shall
15be allocated on the basis of 2 producer mem-
16bers and 1 importer member from the district
17east of the Mississippi River and 1 producer
18member and 2 importer members from the dis-
19trict west of the Mississippi River.”.

20 (b) TERMS OF MEMBERS.—Subsection (b)(4) of such
21section is amended—

22 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and all that
23follows through “shall—” and inserting “The initial
24members of the Board appointed under the amended
25order shall serve a term of 30 months. Subsequent

1 appointments to the Board shall be for a term of 3
2 years, except that—”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “3” and
4 inserting “2”;

5 (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking “4” and
6 inserting “2”; and

7 (4) in subparagraph (C), by striking “4” and
8 inserting “3”.

9 (c) DE MINIMIS EXCEPTION.—Subsection (d)(5) of
10 such section is amended by striking “35,000” each place
11 it appears and inserting “200,000”.

12 **SEC. 5. INITIAL REFERENDUM.**

13 Section 1960(a) of the Lime Research, Promotion,
14 and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
15 6209(a)) is amended by striking “Not later than 2 years
16 after the date on which the Secretary first issues an order
17 under section 1954(a),” and inserting “Not later than 30
18 months after the date on which the collection of assess-
19 ments begins under the order pursuant to section
20 1955(d),”.

Passed the Senate November 20 (legislative day, No-
vember 2), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.

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