

**AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND BARGAINING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 344 of 1972**

**290.709 Request for accreditation; determination by department; amended request; public hearing; notice.**

Sec. 9.

(1) Within 60 days following the date of filing with the department a request for accreditation by an association, the department shall determine whether the association shall be accredited. If the department determines that insufficient evidence was filed by the association, the department may permit the association to file an amended request for accreditation within 30 days following the determination and notification of the association.

(2) Within 30 days following the department's preliminary finding that the association is to be accredited, the department shall hold a public hearing to obtain further evidence relevant to confirmation that the association is to be accredited. Producers of record involved in the bargaining unit shall be notified of the hearing by mail and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the bargaining unit area at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing.

**History:** 1972, Act 344, Eff. Mar. 30, 1973 ;-- Am. 2012, Act 119, Imd. Eff. May 2, 2012