

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Article 15.—Plants and Plant Products

4-15-13. Criteria to determine dollar amount of civil penalty.

(a) A civil penalty of at least \$100.00 but not more than \$2,000.00 may be assessed by the secretary for each violation of the plant pest and agriculture commodity certification act, K.S.A. 2-2112 et seq., and amendments thereto, and the implementing regulations.

(b) In determining the amount of any civil penalty, the gravity of the violation shall be considered by the secretary. Factors to be considered shall include the following:

(1) The potential of the act to injure, endanger, or harm the health of any consumer, the general public, cultivated or native plant resources, or the environment;

(2) the severity of actual or potential harm or injuries;

(3) the respondent's history of compliance with the plant pest and agriculture commodity certification act, and amendments thereto, and the implementing regulations;

(4) any action taken by respondent to remedy the specific violation or to mitigate any adverse effects of the violation on public health, cultivated or native plant resources, or the environment as a result of the violation; and

(5) any misrepresentation or fraud involved in the violation.

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