

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Article 13.—Pesticides

4-13-65. Adjusting the amount of the civil penalty.

(a) Each respondent shall present all evidence on the issue of adjustment of the civil penalty at the settlement conference. This evidence may include mitigating factors or new evidence not previously known to the agency when the order was issued.

(b) Upon presentation by the respondent of new evidence establishing facts and circumstances that were unknown to the secretary when the order was issued and that relate to the gravity of the violation, the civil penalty may be reduced. If additional facts establish a respondent did not commit a violation, the order shall be amended or vacated.

(c) The burden shall be on the respondent to present evidence of any mitigating factors to support any requested reduction in the amount of the civil penalty. The amount of the civil penalty may be reduced if the reduction serves the public interest.

(d) The amount of a civil penalty shall not be reduced to less than \$100 per offense.

(1) Whether or not a civil penalty is reduced shall be within the sole discretion of the secretary or the secretary's designee.

(2) Reductions shall not occur unless evidence of mitigating factors has been presented by a respondent.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 2-2467a; implementing K.S.A. 2-2440e; effective Jan. 1, 1989; amended Aug. 22, 1994; amended July 18, 2008.)

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