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FOREWORD

SCOPE OF THE MARKETING LAWS SURVEY

THE PRIMARY purpose of the Marketing Laws Survey is the compilation, review, and analysis of the text of all the State laws directly affecting the marketing of goods from the point of production to the point of consumption. Interrelations with Federal marketing laws are suggested.

The scope of the Survey includes the following subjects which will be fully presented in the projected series of publications: Entry into business or market; sales promotion devices; transportation, storage, and warehousing; financing and security; marketing organization and commodity exchanges; cooperatives; regulation of price policies and practices; regulation of monopolies and practices in restraint of trade; barriers to trade between the States, governmental purchasing and distribution; taxes directly affecting the marketing of goods.

Reported decisions of Federal and State courts interpreting State marketing laws will be cited or restated. The legal principles and doctrines evolved in significant cases will be coordinated with and analyzed under each of the topics covered.

Statutes and cases relating to the composition, substantive powers, and procedures of State administrative agencies in the field of marketing will be included.

The various compilations will be published in such form as it is hoped will be useful as reference books to Federal and State public agencies, the lawyer, the research worker, and the business-executive, who is faced with the problem of formulating marketing policies in conformity with the myriad regulatory laws of the various States.

State Price Control Legislation is volume 2 in the MARKETING LAWS SURVEY series of publications. Volume 1 presented *State Antitrust Laws*.

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