SUBCHAPTER V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 221. Accounts and records of business; punishment for failure to keep

Every packer, any swine contractor, and any live poultry dealer, stockyard owner, market agency, and dealer shall keep such accounts, records, and memoranda as fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in his business, including the true ownership of such business by stockholding or otherwise. Whenever the Secretary finds that the accounts, records, and memoranda of any such person do not fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in his business, the Secretary may prescribe the manner and form in which such accounts, records, and memoranda shall be kept, and thereafter any such person who fails to keep such accounts, records, and memoranda in the manner and form prescribed or approved by the Secretary shall upon conviction be fined not more than $5,000, or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title IV, § 401, 42 Stat. 168; Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 532, 49 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 100–173, § 6, Nov. 23, 1987, 101 Stat. 918; Pub. L. 107–171, title X, § 10502(b)(2)(C), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 510.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–171 inserted ''any swine contractor, and'' after ''packer,''.

1987—Pub. L. 100–173 substituted '', any live poultry dealer,'' for ''or any live poultry dealer or handler,''.

1935—Act Aug. 15, 1921, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, inserted ''or any live poultry dealer or handler'' after ''packer'' wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100–173 effective 90 days after Nov. 23, 1987, see section 12 of Pub. L. 100–173, set out as a note under section 182 of this title.

LIENS OR SECURITY INTERESTS AGAINST LIVESTOCK; INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND METHOD OF PROVIDING INFORMATION TO PURCHASERS; REPORT TO CONGRESS

Pub. L. 95–409, § 2, Oct. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 887, required the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint a task force to recommend methods of providing information to purchasers of livestock concerning the existence of a lien or security interest against livestock and to submit a report to Congress not later than Feb. 1, 1979.

§ 222. Federal Trade Commission powers adopted for enforcement of chapter

For the efficient execution of the provisions of this chapter, and in order to provide information for the use of Congress, the provisions (including penalties) of sections 46 and 48 to 50 of title 15, are made applicable to the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the Secretary in enforcing the provisions of this chapter and to any person subject to the provisions of this chapter, whether or not a corporation. The Secretary, in person or by such agents as he may designate, may prosecute any inquiry necessary to his duties under this chapter in any part of the United States.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title IV, § 402, 42 Stat. 168; Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 532, 49 Stat. 649.)

AMENDMENTS

1935—Act Aug. 15, 1921, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, purported to insert ''or any live poultry dealer or handler'' after ''packer'' but word ''packer'' does not appear in this section.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Executive and administrative functions of Federal Trade Commission, with certain reservations, transferred to Chairman of such Commission by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 8, § 1, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3175, 64 Stat. 1264, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 223. Responsibility of principal for act or omission of agent

When construing and enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the act, omission, or failure of any agent, officer, or other person acting for or employed by any packer, any swine contractor, and any live poultry dealer, stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer, within the scope of his employment or office, shall in every case also be deemed the act, omission, or failure of such packer, any swine contractor, and any live poultry dealer, stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer, as well as that of such agent, officer, or other person.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title IV, § 403, 42 Stat. 168; Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 532, 49 Stat. 649; amended Pub. L. 100–173, § 6, Nov. 23, 1987, 101 Stat. 918; Pub. L. 107–171, title X, § 10502(b)(2)(C), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 510.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–171 inserted ''any swine contractor, and'' after ''packer,'' in two places.

1987—Pub. L. 100–173 substituted '', any live poultry dealer,'' for ''or any live poultry dealer or handler,'' in two places.

1935—Act Aug. 15, 1921, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, inserted ''or any live poultry dealer or handler'' after ''packer'' wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100–173 effective 90 days after Nov. 23, 1987, see section 12 of Pub. L. 100–173, set out as a note under section 182 of this title.

§ 224. Attorney General to institute court proceedings for enforcement

The Secretary may report any violation of this chapter to the Attorney General of the United States, who shall cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted in the proper courts of the United States without delay.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title IV, § 404, 42 Stat. 168; Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 532, 49 Stat. 649.)

AMENDMENTS

1935—Act Aug. 15, 1921, title V, § 503, as added Aug. 14, 1935, purported to insert ''or any live poultry dealer or handler'' after ''packer'' but word ''packer'' does not appear in this section.

§ 225. Laws unaffected

Nothing contained in this chapter, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be construed—

(a) To prevent or interfere with the enforcement of, or the procedure under, the provisions