

from the owner thereof as a waterfowl resource, or (3) five years after the date on which such adverse finding was filed if such an offer to lease or to purchase such wetland area has not been accepted by the owner thereof: *Provided further*, That upon any change in the ownership of the land with respect to which such adverse finding was filed, the eligibility of such land for such financial or technical assistance shall be redetermined in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §16A, as added Pub. L. 87-732, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 696.)

§ 590q. Coverage; “State” defined; short title

(a) This chapter shall apply to the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands, and, as used in this chapter, the term “State” includes Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

(b) This chapter may be cited as the “Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act”.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §17, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, §1, 49 Stat. 1151; amended July 26, 1947, ch. 339, §2, 61 Stat. 494; Pub. L. 86-70, §13(b), June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 143; Pub. L. 86-624, §8(b), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 412; Pub. L. 98-454, title VI, §601(d), Oct. 5, 1984, 98 Stat. 1736.)

AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-454 inserted reference to Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands in two places.

1960—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-624 substituted “States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” for “States, the Territory of Hawaii, and the possessions of Puerto Rico”, and struck out “Hawaii” from definition of “State”.

1959—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-70 substituted “the States, the Territory of Hawaii,” for “the United States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii”, and struck out “Alaska,” after “the term ‘State’ includes”.

1947—Subsec. (a). Act July 26, 1947, included the Virgin Islands.

REPEALS

Section 3 of act July 26, 1947, repealed all laws in conflict therewith.

§ 590q-1. Sale and distribution of supplies, materials, and equipment to other Government agencies; reimbursement

The Soil Conservation Service subject to applicable regulations under chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3306(f), 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4104, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41 may sell and distribute supplies, materials, and equipment to other Government activities, the cost of such supplies and materials or the value of such equipment (including the cost of transportation and handling) to be reimbursed to appropriations current at the time additional supplies, materials, or equipment are procured from the appropriations chargeable with the cost or value of such supplies, materials, or equipment.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title III, §302(b), 58 Stat. 738; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(12), 65 Stat. 707.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944, and not as part of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act which comprises this chapter.

In text, “chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3306(f), 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4104, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” substituted for “the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended,” on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, which Act enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, inserted reference to applicable regulations of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

§ 590q-2. Voluntary relinquishment of allotments

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the reduction or cancellation of any allotment or base when the owner of the farm states in writing that he has no further use of such allotment or base.

(Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, §803, Nov. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1381.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Act of 1970, and not as part of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act which comprises this chapter.

§ 590q-3. Critical lands resource conservation program in Great Plains area

Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(a) Authorization for program

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to formulate and carry out a program with owners and operators of land in the Great Plains area as described in section 590p(b)¹ of this title to reduce runoff, soil and water erosion, and otherwise to promote the conservation of soil and water resources in such area through the conversion of cropland from soil depleting uses to conserving uses including the production of soil conserving cover crops.

(b) Terms of agreements with owners or operators

To effectuate the purposes of the program, the Secretary may enter into an agreement for a two-year period with an owner or operator as described in subsection (a) of this section whereby the owner or operator shall agree to devote to a soil conserving cover crop a specifically designated acreage of cropland on the farm up to 50 per centum of the acreage which had been planted to any soil depleting crop or crops in any of the two years preceding the date of the agreement. The agreement shall be renewable for annual periods thereafter subject to the mutual agreement of the owner or operator and the Secretary. In such agreement, the owner or operator shall agree (1) to plant a legume, or if not adapted to such area, an annual, biennial, or a perennial cover crop, as specified in the agreement; (2) to divert from production such portion

¹ See References in Text note below.

of one or more crops designated by the Secretary as the Secretary determines necessary to effectuate the purpose of the program; (3) not to harvest any crop from or graze the designated acreage during the agreement period, unless the Secretary determines that it is necessary to permit grazing or harvesting in order to alleviate damage, hardship, or suffering caused by severe drought, flood, or other natural disaster, and consents to such grazing or harvesting subject to an appropriate reduction in the rate of payment; (4) to give adequate assurance, as specified by the Secretary, that the land was not acquired for the purpose of placing it in the program: *Provided*, That the foregoing provision shall not prohibit the continuation of an agreement by a new owner if an agreement has once been entered into under this section nor prevent an owner or operator from placing a farm in the program if the farm was acquired by the owner to replace an eligible farm from which he was displaced because of its acquisition by any Federal, State, or other agency having the right of eminent domain; (5) to forfeit all rights to further payments under the agreement and refund to the United States all payments received thereunder upon his violation of the agreement at any stage during the time he has control of the land if the Secretary determines that such violation is of such a nature as to warrant termination of the agreement, or to make refunds or accept such payment adjustments as the Secretary may deem appropriate if the Secretary determines that the violation by the owner or operator does not warrant termination of the agreement; (6) upon transfer of his right and interest in the farm, during the agreement period, to forfeit all rights to further payments under the agreement and refund to the United States all payments received thereunder unless the transferee of any such land agrees with the Secretary to assume all obligations of the agreement; (7) not to adopt any practice specified by the Secretary in the agreement as a practice which would tend to defeat the purposes of the agreement; and (8) to such additional provisions as the Secretary determines are desirable to effectuate the purposes of the program or to facilitate the practical administration of the program, including such measures as the Secretary may deem appropriate to keep the designated acreage from eroding and free from weeds and rodents in accordance with good conservation systems.

(c) Annual adjustment payments

In consideration for such agreement, the Secretary shall make annual adjustment payments to the owner or operator for the period of the agreement at such rate or rates not in excess of \$30 per acre as the Secretary determines to be fair and reasonable. The Secretary may use an advertising and bid procedure in determining the lands in any area to be covered by agreements and the payment rate therefor. The Secretary and the owner or operator may agree that the annual adjustment payments for the agreement period shall be made either upon approval of the agreement or in such installments as they may agree to be desirable: *Provided*, That for each year any annual adjustment payment is

made in advance of performance, the annual adjustment payment shall be reduced by 5 per centum.

(d) Termination of agreements

The Secretary may terminate any agreement under the program, by mutual agreement with the owner or operator, if the Secretary determines that such termination would be in the public interest, and may agree with the owner or operator to such modification of agreements as the Secretary may determine to be desirable to carry out the purposes of the program or facilitate its administration.

(e) Preservation of cropland, crop acreage, and allotment history

The Secretary may, to the extent the Secretary deems it desirable, provide by appropriate regulations for preservation of cropland, crop acreage, and allotment history applicable to acreage diverted from the production of crops to establish vegetative cover for the purpose of any Federal program under which such history is used as a basis for an allotment or other limitation or for participation in such program.

(f) Utilization of Federal and non-Federal offices

In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall utilize the services of local, county, and State committees established under section 590h of this title and the technical services of the Soil Conservation Service and soil and water conservation districts.

(g) Program payments

In case any producer who is entitled to any payment under the program dies, becomes incompetent, or disappears before receiving such payment, or is succeeded by another who renders or completes the required performance, the payment shall, without regard to any other provisions of law, be made as the Secretary may determine to be fair and reasonable.

(h) Tenants and sharecroppers

The Secretary shall provide adequate safeguards to protect the interests of tenants and sharecroppers, including provision for sharing, on a fair and equitable basis, in payments under the program.

(i) Rules and regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(j) Authorization of appropriations; utilization of Commodity Credit Corporation

There are authorized to be appropriated for the period beginning October 1, 1977, and ending September 30, 1981, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program provided for in this section. The Secretary is authorized to utilize the facilities, services, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation in discharging the Secretary's functions and responsibilities under the program, including payment of costs of administration: *Provided*, That the Commodity Credit Corporation shall not make any expenditures for such purposes unless the Corporation has received funds to cover such expenditures from appropriations made to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, §1511, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1022.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 590p of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §336(b)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1006.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, and not as part of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act which comprises this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of Title 7, Agriculture.

CHAPTER 3C—WATER CONSERVATION

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590r to 590x-4. Repealed.

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SUBCHAPTER I—FACILITIES FOR WATER STORAGE AND UTILIZATION

§§ 590r to 590x-4. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 341(a), Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 318

Section 590r, acts Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §1, 50 Stat. 869; Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 751, §1(1), (2), 68 Stat. 734; July 12, 1960, Pub. L. 86-624, §9, 74 Stat. 412, related to Congressional declaration of policy.

Section 590s, acts Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §2, 50 Stat. 869; Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 751, §1(3), 68 Stat. 735, related to powers and duties of Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 590t, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §3, 50 Stat. 869, related to location of projects.

Section 590u, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §4, 50 Stat. 870, related to State aid and certain requirements.

Section 590v, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §5, 50 Stat. 870, related to use of employees and agencies within Department of Agriculture.

Section 590w, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §6, 50 Stat. 870, related to cooperation of governmental agencies, expenditures and rules and regulations.

Section 590x, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §7, 50 Stat. 870, authorized appropriations.

Section 590x-1, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §8, as added Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 751, §1(4), 68 Stat. 735, prescribed limitations on aid.

Section 590x-2, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §9, as added Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 751, §1(4), 68 Stat. 735, authorized loans for farm land improvement.

Section 590x-3, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §10(a)-(e), as added Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 751, §1(4), 68 Stat. 735, provided for an insurance program for loans by other than United States, an insurance fund, contents of fund, selling and reinsuring of notes, disposition of insurance charges, insurance contract as United States obligation, incontestability, discharge of obligations, and limitation on aggregate amount of obligations.

Section 590x-4, act Aug. 28, 1937, ch. 870, §11, as added Aug. 25, 1958, Pub. L. 85-748, §2, 72 Stat. 841, related to authorization of Secretary for execution, insurance and sale of loans, insurance, appraisal and delinquency charges, use of proceeds for expenses; computation of aggregate amount of principal obligations which may be insured, insurance of loans from funds advanced by lenders other than United States, provisions applicable to loans, conversion of loans to insured loans, expense funds, sale of loans on noninsured basis and assignment of loans.

The subject matter of former sections 590r to 590x-4 of this title is covered by section 1921 et seq. of Title 7, Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of sections effective one hundred and twenty days after Aug. 8, 1961, or such earlier date as the provisions of section 1921 et seq. of Title 7, Agriculture, are made effective by regulations of Secretary of Agriculture, see section 341(a) of Pub. L. 87-128, set out as a note under section 1921 of Title 7.

Sections repealed effective Oct. 15, 1961, by section 300.1 of former Title 6, Code of Federal Regulations, see Effective Date note under section 1921 of Title 7.

SUBCHAPTER II—CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION PROJECTS

§ 590y. Authorization and purpose of investigation, construction, and maintenance of projects; title to projects; limitation on costs

For the purpose of stabilizing water supply and thereby rehabilitating farmers on the land and providing opportunities for permanent settlement of farm families, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary") is authorized to investigate and, upon compliance with the provisions of this subchapter, to construct water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and arid and semiarid areas of the United States, and to operate and maintain each such project in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter; *Provided*, That the United States shall retain title to the dams, reservoirs, irrigation, and other project works until Congress otherwise provides: *And provided further*, That expenditures from appropriations made directly pursuant to the authority contained in section 590z-10(1) of this title to meet reimbursable construction costs allocated to irrigation as defined in section 590z-2(b) of this title shall not exceed \$2,000,000 for dams and reservoirs in any one project, and that expenditures from appropriations made directly pursuant to the authority contained in section 590z-10(1) of this title to meet costs allocated to flood control by the Secretary after consultation with the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, shall not exceed \$500,000 on any one project.

(Aug. 11, 1939, ch. 717, §1, 53 Stat. 1418; Oct. 14, 1940, ch. 861, 54 Stat. 1119; Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 164, 56