

plants, and other herbaceous plants, bulbs, and roots.

(Aug. 20, 1912, ch. 308, § 6, 37 Stat. 317.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Regulations restricting importation of plants, etc., other than nursery stock, see section 159 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 159 of this title; title 39 section 3014.

§ 153. Liability of principal for act of agent

When construing and enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the act, omission, or failure of any officer, agent, or other person acting for or employed by any corporation, company, society, or association, within the scope of his employment or office, shall in every case be also deemed to be the act, omission, or failure of such corporation, company, society, or association as well as that of the person.

(Aug. 20, 1912, ch. 308, § 11, 37 Stat. 319.)

CODIFICATION

Section is composed of part of section 11 of act Aug. 20, 1912. Other provisions of section 11 are classified to section 151 of this title.

§ 154. Importation of nursery stock

(a) In general

No person shall—

- (1) import or enter into the United States any nursery stock; or
- (2) accept delivery of any nursery stock moving from any foreign country into or through the United States;

unless the movement is made in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may promulgate to prevent dissemination into the United States of plant pests, plant diseases, or insect pests.

(b) Regulations

The regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture to implement subsection (a) of this section may include regulations requiring that nursery stock moving into or through the United States—

- (1) be accompanied by a permit issued by the Secretary of Agriculture prior to the movement of the nursery stock;
- (2) be accompanied by a certificate of inspection issued, in a manner and form required by the Secretary of Agriculture, by appropriate officials of the country or State from which the nursery stock is to be moved;
- (3) be grown under postentry quarantine conditions by or under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture for the purposes of determining whether the nursery stock may be infested with plant pests or insect pests, or infested with plant diseases, not discernible by port-of-entry inspection; and
- (4) if the nursery stock is found to be infested with plant pests or insect pests or infested with plant diseases, be subject to remedial measures the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be necessary to prevent the spread of plant pests, insect pests, or plant diseases.

(Aug. 20, 1912, ch. 308, § 1, 37 Stat. 315; July 31, 1947, ch. 405, 61 Stat. 680; Pub. L. 100-449, title III, § 301(f)(3)(A), Sept. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 1869; Pub. L. 103-465, title IV, § 431(d)(1), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4967.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-465 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions outlining general restrictions on importation of nursery stock into the United States along with exceptions to such restrictions.

1988—Pub. L. 100-449 struck out “*Provided*” the first place it appeared and inserted in lieu thereof “*Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture may waive the permit requirement for nursery stock imported or offered for entry from Canada: *Provided further*”.

1947—Act July 31, 1947, inserted last proviso.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement with respect to the United States (Jan. 1, 1995), except as otherwise provided, see section 451 of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3601 of Title 19, Customs Duties.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-449 effective on date United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement enters into force (Jan. 1, 1989), and to cease to have effect on date Agreement ceases to be in force, see section 501(a), (c) of Pub. L. 100-449, set out in a note under section 2112 of Title 19, Customs Duties.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Plants, etc., other than nursery stock as subject to provisions of this section, see section 159 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 159 of this title.

§ 155. Importation for scientific purposes permitted

Any class of nursery stock or of any other class of plants, fruits, vegetables, roots, bulbs, seeds, or other plant products of which the importation may be forbidden from any country or locality under the provisions of section 160 of this title may be imported for experimental or scientific purposes by the Department of Agriculture upon such conditions and under such regulations as the said Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe.

(Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 145, § 1 [part], 37 Stat. 854.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agricultural Appropriation Act, 1914, and not as part of the “Plant Quarantine Act” which comprises this chapter.

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