

than February 1 of each year a consolidated statement of the budgetary implications of all debt relief agreements entered into force under this subchapter during the preceding fiscal year.

**(d) Designated congressional committees**

As used in this section, the term “designated congressional committees” means the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title VI, § 618, as added Pub. L. 102-532, § 2, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3511.)

**§ 1738r. “Qualified debt” defined**

As used in sections 1738o, 1738p, and 1738q of this title, the term “qualified debt” means any obligation, or portion of such obligation, of an eligible country to pay for purchases of United States agricultural commodities guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation under export credit guarantee programs authorized pursuant to section 714c(f) of title 15 or section 1707a(b)<sup>1</sup> of this title—

(1) in which the Commodity Credit Corporation obtained a legal right or interest, as a result of assignment or subrogation, not later than September 1, 1992; and

(2) the payment of which obligation has been, not later than September 1, 1992, re-scheduled in accordance with principles set forth in an Agreed Minute of the Paris Club.

Such term includes the obligation to pay any interest which was due or accrued not later than September 1, 1992, and unpaid as of the date of a debt sale pursuant to section 1738o of this title or a debt sale, reduction, or cancellation pursuant to section 1738p of this title (as the case may be).

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title VI, § 619, as added Pub. L. 102-532, § 2, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3511.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1707a of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1574, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3702. See section 5621 et seq. of this title.

**CHAPTER 42—AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY SET-ASIDE**

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**§ 1741. Maximum and minimum quantities for set-aside; “commodity set-aside” defined**

The Commodity Credit Corporation shall, as rapidly as the Secretary of Agriculture shall de-

termine to be practicable, set aside within its inventories not more than the following maximum quantities and not less than the following minimum quantities of agricultural commodities or products thereof heretofore or hereafter acquired by it from 1954 and prior years’ crops and production in connection with its price support operations:

Commodity	Maximum quantity	Minimum quantity
Wheat (bushels) .....	500,000,000	400,000,000
Upland cotton (bales) .....	4,000,000	3,000,000
Cottonseed oil (pounds) .....	500,000,000	0
Butter (pounds) .....	200,000,000	0
Nonfat dry milk solids (pounds) .....	300,000,000	0
Cheese (pounds) .....	150,000,000	0

Such quantities shall be known as the “commodity set-aside”.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, § 101, 68 Stat. 897.)

SHORT TITLE

Act Aug. 28, 1954, enacting sections 397, 1446b and 1446c of this title, this chapter, chapters 43 and 44 of this title, and section 590h-3 of Title 16, Conservation, and amending sections 602, 608c, 608e-1, 1301, 1326-1330, 1332, 1334-1335, 1340, 1344, 1371, 1374, 1421, 1428, 1441, 1446, 1446d of this title and sections 590h and 590o of Title 16, Conservation, is popularly known as the “Agricultural Act of 1954”.

**§ 1742. Determination of commodity value for set-aside**

Quantities of commodities shall not be included in the commodity set-aside which have an aggregate value in excess of \$2,500,000,000. The value of the commodities placed in the commodity set-aside, for the purpose of this section, shall be the Corporation’s investment in such commodities as of the date they are included in the commodity set-aside, as determined by the Secretary.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, § 102, 68 Stat. 897.)

**§ 1743. Reduction of set-aside**

(a) Such commodity set-aside shall be reduced by disposals made in accordance with the directions of the President as follows:

(1) Donation, sale, or other disposition for disaster or other relief purposes outside the United States pursuant to and subject to the limitations of subchapter III of chapter 41 of this title;

(2) Sale or barter (including barter for strategic materials) to develop new or expanded markets for American agricultural commodities, including but not limited to disposition pursuant to and subject to the limitations of subchapter II of chapter 41 of this title;

(3) Donation to school-lunch programs;

(4) Transfer to the National Defense Stockpile established by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.), without reimbursement from funds appropriated for the purposes of that Act;

(5) Donation, sale, or other disposition for research, experimental, or educational purposes;

(6) Donation, sale, or other disposition for disaster relief purposes in the United States or

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

to meet any national emergency declared by the President; and

(7) Sale for unrestricted use to meet a need for increased supplies at not less than 105 per centum of the parity price in the case of agricultural commodities and a price reflecting 105 per centum of the parity price of the agricultural commodity in the case of products of agricultural commodities.

The President shall prescribe such terms and conditions for the disposal of commodities in the commodity set-aside as he determines will provide adequate safeguards against interference with normal marketings of the supplies of such commodities outside the commodity set-aside. Strategic materials acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be transferred to the National Defense Stockpile established by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act [50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.], and the Commodity Credit Corporation shall be reimbursed for the value of the commodities bartered for such strategic materials from funds appropriated for purposes of that Act. For the purpose of such reimbursement, the value of any commodity so bartered shall be the lower of the domestic market price or the Commodity Credit Corporation's investment therein as of the date of such barter, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) The quantity of any commodity in the commodity set-aside shall be reduced to the extent that the Commodity Credit Corporation inventory of such commodity is reduced, by natural or other cause beyond the control of the Corporation, below the quantity then charged to the commodity set-aside.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §103, 68 Stat. 897; Pub. L. 96-41, §3(a)(1), July 30, 1979, 93 Stat. 324; Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3001(c), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1821.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 7, 1939, ch. 190, as revised generally by Pub. L. 96-41, §2, July 30, 1979, 93 Stat. 319, which is classified generally to subchapter III (§98 et seq.) of chapter 5 of Title 50, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 98 of Title 50 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1979—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-41 substituted “the National Defense Stockpile established by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.)” for “the national stockpile established pursuant to the Act of June 7, 1939, as amended,” in par. (4), and in the provisions following par. (7) substituted “the National Defense Stockpile established by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act” for “the national stockpile established pursuant to the Act of June 7, 1939, as amended,” and “funds appropriated for the purposes of that Act” for “funds appropriated pursuant to section 8 of such Act of June 7, 1939”.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Technical change in meaning of reference in original act which appears in subsec. (a)(1) as reference to subchapter III of chapter 41 of this title and in subsec. (a)(2) as reference to subchapter II of chapter 41 of this title was directed by section 3001(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1691 of this title.

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10601

Ex. Ord. No. 10601, Mar. 21, 1955, 20 F.R. 1761, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10773, July 1, 1958, 23 F.R. 5061; Ex. Ord. No. 10782, Sept. 6, 1958, 23 F.R. 6971; Ex. Ord. No. 11051, Sept. 27, 1962, 27 F.R. 9683; Ex. Ord. No. 12148, July 20, 1979, 44 F.R. 43239, which provided for administration of the commodity set-aside program, was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 12553, Feb. 25, 1986, 51 F.R. 7237.

#### § 1744. Sale of commodities in set-aside; exemption from pricing limitations

(a) The Corporation shall have authority to sell, without regard to section 1743(a)(7) of this title, any commodity covered by the commodity set-aside for the purpose of rotating stocks or consolidating inventories, any such sale to be offset by purchase of the same commodity in a substantially equivalent quantity or of a substantially equivalent value.

(b) Dispositions pursuant to this chapter shall not be subject to the pricing limitations of section 1427 of this title.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §104, 68 Stat. 898.)

#### § 1745. Computation of carryover

The quantity of any commodity in the commodity set-aside or transferred from the set-aside to the National Defense Stockpile established by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.) shall be excluded from the computation of “carryover” for the purpose of determining the price support level for such commodity under the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended [7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.], and related legislation, but shall be included in the computation of total supplies for purposes of acreage allotments and marketing quotas under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended [7 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.], and related legislation. Until such time as the commodity set-aside has been completed, such quantity of the commodity as the Secretary shall determine between the maximum and minimum quantities specified in section 1741 of this title shall be excluded from the computations of “carryover” for the purpose of determining the price support level, but shall be included in the computation of total supplies for purposes of acreage allotments and marketing quotas, for the 1955 crop of the commodity, notwithstanding that the quantity so excluded may not have been acquired by the Corporation and included in the commodity set-aside.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §105, 68 Stat. 898; Pub. L. 96-41, §3(a)(2), July 30, 1979, 93 Stat. 324.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act, referred to in text, is act June 7, 1939, ch. 190, as revised generally by Pub. L. 96-41, §2, July 30, 1979, 93 Stat. 319, which is classified generally to subchapter III (§98 et seq.) of chapter 5 of Title 50, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 98 of Title 50 and Tables.

The Agricultural Act of 1949, referred to in text, is act Oct. 31, 1949, ch. 792, 63 Stat. 1051, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35A (§1421 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note under section 1421 of this title and Tables.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, referred to in text, is act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 31, as amend-

ed, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1281 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1281 of this title and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1979—Pub. L. 96-41 substituted “the National Defense Stockpile established by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.)” for “the national stockpile established pursuant to the act of June 7, 1939, as amended”.

#### § 1746. Records and accounts

The Commodity Credit Corporation shall keep such records and accounts as may be necessary to show, for each commodity set-aside, the initial and current composition, value (in accordance with section 1742 of this title), current investment, quantity disposed of, method of disposition, and amounts received on disposition.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §106, 68 Stat. 898.)

#### § 1747. Authorization of appropriations; determination of value of transferred commodity

In order to make payment to the Commodity Credit Corporation for any commodities transferred to the national stockpile pursuant to section 1743(a)(4) of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated amounts equal to the value of any commodities so transferred. The value of any commodity so transferred, for the purpose of this section, shall be the lower of the domestic market price or the Commodity Credit Corporation’s investment therein as of the date of transfer to the stockpile, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §107, 68 Stat. 898.)

#### § 1748. Annual reports by agricultural attachés

##### (a) In general

The Secretary shall require appropriate officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture, including those stationed in foreign countries, to prepare and submit annually to the Secretary detailed reports that—

(1) document the nature and extent of—

(A) programs in such countries that provide direct or indirect government support for the export of agricultural commodities and the products thereof;

(B) other trade practices that may impede the entry of United States agricultural commodities and the products thereof into such countries; and

(C) where practicable, the average prices and costs of production in such countries for like commodities exported from the United States to such countries; and

(2) identify opportunities for the export of United States agricultural commodities and the products thereof to such countries.

##### (b) Duties

The Secretary shall—

(1) annually compile the information contained in reports prepared under subsection (a)—

(A) on a country by country basis; and

(B) on a commodity by commodity basis for exports of United States agricultural

commodities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, the export of which is hampered by an unfair trade practice. Where practicable, the report shall include a comparison of the average prices and costs of production for such commodities in the United States and in the importing countries for the previous crop year;

(2) in consultation with the agricultural technical advisory committees established under section 2155(c) of title 19, include in the compilation a priority ranking of those trade barriers identified in subsection (a) by commodity group;

(3) include in the compilation a list of actions undertaken to reduce or eliminate such trade barriers; and

(4) not later than January 15 of each year, make the compilation available to Congress, the agricultural policy advisory committee, and other interested parties.

##### (c) Meeting

The Secretary and the United States Trade Representative shall convene a meeting, at least once each year, of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee and the agricultural technical advisory committees to develop specific recommendations for actions to be taken by the Federal Government and private industry to—

(1) reduce or eliminate trade barriers or distortions identified in the annual reports required to be submitted under subsections (a) and (b); and

(2) expand United States agricultural export opportunities identified in such annual reports.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §108, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1532, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3689; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §§316-318, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856, 1857; Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §272, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 976.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 104-127 struck out “including fruits, vegetables, legumes, popcorn and ducks” after “agricultural commodities”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-237, §316, made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 101-624, §1532, which enacted this section, resulting in no change in text.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 102-237, §317, substituted a semicolon for period at end.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 102-237, §318, struck out “the trade assistance office authorized under section 504 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (as amended by section 201),” after “available to Congress,”.

#### § 1749. Attaché educational program

The Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service shall establish a program within the Service that directs attachés of the Service who are reassigned from abroad to the United States, and other personnel of the Service, to visit and consult with producers and exporters of agricultural commodities and products and State officials throughout the United States concerning various methods to increase exports of United States agricultural commodities and products.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §109, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1532, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat.

3690; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §316, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-237, §316, made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 101-624, §1532, which enacted this section, resulting in no change in text.

**CHAPTER 43—FOREIGN MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

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**SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS; AGRICULTURAL COUNSELORS AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHÉS**

**§ 1761. Foreign markets; collection of information**

For the purpose of encouraging and promoting the marketing of agricultural commodities of the United States and assisting American farmers, processors, distributors, and exporters to adjust their operations and practices to meet world conditions, the Secretary of Agriculture shall acquire information regarding the competition and demand for United States agricultural commodities, the marketing and distribution of such commodities in foreign countries and shall be responsible for the interpretation and dissemination of such information in the United States and shall make investigations abroad regarding the factors affecting and influencing the export of United States agricultural commodities, and shall conduct abroad any other activities including the demonstration of standards of quality for American agricultural commodities for which the Department of Agri-

culture now has or in the future may have such standards, as he deems necessary. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from conducting abroad any activity for which authority now exists.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, §601, 68 Stat. 908; Pub. L. 95-501, title III, §301(3), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-501 substituted "agricultural commodities" for "agricultural products" in four places and substituted "such commodities" for "said products".

**WORLD LIVESTOCK MARKET PRICE INFORMATION**

Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1545, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3695, directed Secretary of Agriculture to develop appropriate methodology for determining world price of livestock and livestock products, to gather and analyze appropriate price and cost of production information concerning such products in foreign countries for purpose of price discovery and to aid in sale of livestock and livestock products in foreign export markets, and to periodically publish such information, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §273, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 976.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF 1978 AMENDMENT; REGULATIONS**

Pub. L. 95-501, title VI, §601, Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1691, which required Secretary of Agriculture to implement provisions of Pub. L. 95-501 as expeditiously as possible, was omitted and a new section 601 of Pub. L. 95-501 added as part of the complete revision of Pub. L. 95-501 by Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3668. See chapter 87 (§5601 et seq.) of this title.

**§ 1762. Personnel**

**(a) Appointment**

To effectuate the carrying out of the purposes of this subchapter, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to appoint such personnel as he determines to be necessary and, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, to assign such personnel to service abroad.

**(b) Titles; rank and privileges; appointments of Agricultural Counselors**

Officers or employees assigned or appointed to posts abroad under this subchapter shall have the designation of Agricultural Counselor, Agricultural Attaché, or such other titles or designations that shall be agreed to by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture, and shall be accorded the same rank and privileges as those of other counselors or attachés in United States embassies. An Agricultural Counselor shall be appointed in any nation—

- (1) to which a substantial number of governments with which the United States competes directly for agricultural markets in such nation assign agricultural representatives with the diplomatic status of counselor or its equivalent; or
- (2) in which—

(A) the potential is great for long-term expansion of a market for United States agricultural commodities, and

(B) competition with other nations for existing and potential agricultural markets is extremely intense.