

or with any producing, trading, or consuming organization, whether operating in one or more jurisdictions, in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 615, title IV, §417, 53 Stat. 1289.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

See section 1610 of this title.

**§ 1608. Separability**

If any provision of this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the chapter, and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

(Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 615, title IV, §418, 53 Stat. 1290.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

See section 1610 of this title.

**§ 1609. Repeals**

Sections 111 to 116 of this title are repealed on the one hundred and eightieth day after August 9, 1939: *Provided, however*, That the notices with respect to imported alfalfa and red clover seed promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture under the authority of sections 111 to 116 of this title, and in effect on August 9, 1939, shall remain with the same full force and effect as if promulgated under this chapter.

(Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 615, title IV, §419, 53 Stat. 1290.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

See section 1610 of this title.

**§ 1610. Effective date**

This chapter shall take effect as follows: As to agricultural seeds, and the importation of vegetable seeds, on the one hundred and eightieth day after August 9, 1939; as to vegetable seeds in interstate commerce, one year after August 9, 1939; and as to sections 1591 to 1593 of this title, on August 9, 1939.

(Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 615, title IV, §420, 53 Stat. 1290.)

SUBCHAPTER V—SALE OF UNCERTIFIED SEED OF PROTECTED VARIETY

**§ 1611. Illegal sales of uncertified seed**

It shall be unlawful in the United States or in interstate or foreign commerce to sell or offer for sale or advertise, by variety name, seed not certified by an official seed certifying agency, when it is a variety for which a certificate of plant variety protection under the Plant Variety Protection Act [7 U.S.C. 2321 et seq.] specifies sale only as a class of certified seed: *Provided*, That seed from a certified lot may be labeled as to variety name when used in a mixture by, or with the approval of, the owners of the variety.

(Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 615, title V, §501, as added Pub. L. 91-577, title III, §142(a), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1558; amended Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1118, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1272.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Plant Variety Protection Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 91-577, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1542, as amended,

which is classified principally to chapter 57 (§2321 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2321 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted “sell or offer for sale or advertise, by variety name, seed” for “sell by variety name seed”, “certifying agency, when” for “certifying agency when”, and “owners of the variety” for “owner of the variety”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 24, 1970, see section 141 of Pub. L. 91-577, set out as a note under section 2321 of this title.

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## SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

**§ 1621. Congressional declaration of purpose; use of existing facilities; cooperation with States**

The Congress declares that a sound, efficient, and privately operated system for distributing and marketing agricultural products is essential to a prosperous agriculture and is indispensable to the maintenance of full employment and to the welfare, prosperity, and health of the Nation. It is further declared to be the policy of Congress to promote through research, study, experimentation, and through cooperation among Federal and State agencies, farm organizations, and private industry a scientific approach to the problems of marketing, transportation, and distribution of agricultural products similar to the scientific methods which have been utilized so successfully during the past eighty-four years in connection with the production of agricultural products so that such products capable of being produced in abundance may be marketed in an orderly manner and efficiently distributed. In order to attain these objectives, it is the intent of Congress to provide for (1) continuous research to improve the marketing, handling, storage, processing, transportation, and distribution of agricultural products; (2) cooperation among Federal and State agencies, producers, industry organizations, and others in the development and effectuation of research and marketing programs to improve the distribution processes; (3) an integrated administration of all laws enacted by Congress to aid the distribution of agricultural products through research, market aids and services, and regulatory activities, to the end that marketing methods and facilities may be improved, that distribution costs may be reduced and the price spread between the producer and consumer may be narrowed, that dietary and nutritional standards may be improved, that new and wider markets for American agricultural products may be developed, both in the United States and in other countries, with a view to making it possible for the full production of American farms

to be disposed of usefully, economically, profitably, and in an orderly manner. In effectuating the purposes of this chapter, maximum use shall be made of existing research facilities owned or controlled by the Federal Government or by State agricultural experiment stations and of the facilities of the Federal and State extension services. To the maximum extent practicable marketing research work done under this chapter in cooperation with the States shall be done in cooperation with the State agricultural experiment stations; marketing educational and demonstrational work done under this chapter in cooperation with the States shall be done in cooperation with the State agricultural extension service; market information, inspection, regulatory work and other marketing service done under this chapter in cooperation with the State agencies shall be done in cooperation with the State departments of agriculture, and State bureaus and departments of markets.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §202, 60 Stat. 1087.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Under this chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "hereunder", and was translated as meaning under title II of act Aug. 14, 1946, which is classified generally to this chapter.

## SHORT TITLE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-239, §1, Sept. 27, 2010, 124 Stat. 2501, provided that: "This Act [enacting section 1635k of this title, amending sections 1636i, 1637b, and 5712 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1635k and 1637b of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 1635 of this title] may be cited as the 'Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2010'."

## SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-532, §1, Nov. 22, 2000, 114 Stat. 2541, provided that: "This Act [enacting subchapter III of this chapter] may be cited as the 'Dairy Market Enhancement Act of 2000'."

## SHORT TITLE

Section 201 of title II of act Aug. 14, 1946, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946'."

## 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.

## SPECIALTY CROPS COMPETITIVENESS

Pub. L. 108-465, §§2, 3, title I, §101, Dec. 21, 2004, 118 Stat. 3882, 3883, as amended by Pub. L. 110-234, title X, §10109, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1338; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title X, §10109, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2100, provided that:

## "SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

"(1) A secure domestic food supply is a national security imperative for the United States.

"(2) A competitive specialty crop industry in the United States is necessary for the production of an abundant, affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops, which are vital to the health and well-being of all Americans.

"(3) Increased consumption of specialty crops will provide tremendous health and economic benefits to both consumers and specialty crop growers.