

**§ 1738b. Eligibility for benefits under Facility****(a) Requirements**

To be eligible for benefits from the Facility under this subchapter, a country shall—

(1) be a Latin American or Caribbean country;

(2) have in effect or have received approval for, or, as appropriate in exceptional circumstances, be making significant progress towards the establishment of—

(A) an International Monetary Fund (hereafter referred to in this subchapter as the “IMF”) standby arrangement, extended IMF arrangement, or an arrangement under the structural adjustment facility or enhanced structural adjustment facility, or in exceptional circumstances, an IMF-monitored program or its equivalent; and

(B) as appropriate, structural or sectoral adjustment loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereafter referred to in this subchapter as the “World Bank”) or the International Development Association (hereafter referred to in this subchapter as the “IDA”);

(3) have placed into effect major investment reforms in conjunction with an Inter-American Development Bank (hereafter referred to as the “IDB”) loan or otherwise be implementing, or making significant progress towards an open investment regime; and

(4) if appropriate, have agreed with its commercial bank lenders on a satisfactory financing program, including, as appropriate, debt or debt service reduction.

**(b) Eligibility determination**

The President shall determine whether a country is an eligible country for purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title VI, § 603, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1512, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3658; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, § 302, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1855.)

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 102-237 inserted hyphen between “Inter” and “American”.

## DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under subsec. (b) of this section, see section 1 of Ex. Ord. No. 13345, July 8, 2004, 69 F.R. 41901, set out as a note under section 1738 of this title.

**§ 1738c. Reduction of certain debt****(a) Authority to reduce debt****(1) In general**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may reduce the amount owed to the United States or any agency of the United States, and outstanding as of January 1, 1990, as a result of any credits extended under subchapter II of this chapter to a country eligible for benefits from the Facility.

**(2) Availability of appropriations**

The authorities under this section may be exercised only to the extent provided for in advance in appropriation Acts.

**(b) Limitation**

A debt reduction authorized under subsection (a) of this section shall be accomplished, at the direction of the Facility, through the exchange of a new obligation under this subchapter for obligations of the type referred to in subsection (a) of this section outstanding as of January 1, 1990.

**(c) Exchange of obligations**

The Facility shall notify the Commodity Credit Corporation of an agreement entered into under subsection (b) of this section with an eligible country to exchange a new obligation for outstanding obligations. At the direction of the Facility, the old obligations that are the subject of the agreement may be canceled and a new debt obligation may be established for the country relating to the agreement. The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make an adjustment in its accounts to reflect a debt reduction under this section.

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title VI, § 604, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1512, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3658; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, § 303, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1855.)

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-237 substituted “Availability” for “Avaliability” in heading.

## DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under subsec. (a) of this section, see section 1 of Ex. Ord. No. 13345, July 8, 2004, 69 F.R. 41901, set out as a note under section 1738 of this title.

**§ 1738d. Repayment of principal****(a) Currency of payment**

The principal amount owed under each new obligation issued under section 1738c of this title shall be repaid in United States dollars.

**(b) Deposit of payments**

Principal repayments on new obligations issued under section 1738c of this title shall be deposited in Commodity Credit Corporation accounts.

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title VI, § 605, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1512, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3659.)

**§ 1738e. Interest of new obligations****(a) Rate of interest**

New obligations issued to an eligible country under section 1738c of this title shall bear interest at a concessional rate.

**(b) Currency of payment, deposits****(1) United States dollars**

An eligible country to which a new obligation has been issued under section 1738c of this title that has not entered into an agreement under section 1738f of this title, shall be required to pay interest on such obligation in United States dollars which shall be deposited in Commodity Credit Corporation accounts.

**(2) Local currency**

If an eligible country to which a new obligation has been issued under section 1738c of this