

during the period from June 30, 1960, to August 30, 1960, to contract for or procure livestock products produced or processed by a slaughterer or processor which slaughters or handles for slaughter livestock by methods other than those designated and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture if such slaughterer or processor has contracted for the purchase of the equipment necessary to enable him to adopt such methods but such equipment has not been delivered to him.

#### § 1904. Methods research; designation of methods

In furtherance of the policy expressed herein the Secretary is authorized and directed—

(a) to conduct, assist, and foster research, investigation, and experimentation to develop and determine methods of slaughter and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter which are practicable with reference to the speed and scope of slaughtering operations and humane with reference to other existing methods and then current scientific knowledge; and

(b) on or before March 1, 1959, and at such times thereafter as he deems advisable, to designate methods of slaughter and of handling in connection with slaughter which, with respect to each species of livestock, conform to the policy stated in this chapter. If he deems it more effective, the Secretary may make any such designation by designating methods which are not in conformity with such policy. Designations by the Secretary subsequent to March 1, 1959, shall become effective 180 days after their publication in the Federal Register.

(Pub. L. 85-765, § 4, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 863; Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b)-(e), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1978—Par. (a). Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(d), inserted “and” after the semicolon at end.

Par. (b). Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(c), (e), struck out “for purposes of section 1903 of this title” before “180 days”, and substituted a period for the semicolon at end.

Par. (c). Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b), repealed par. (c).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-445 effective one year after Oct. 10, 1978, and nonapplicability during not to exceed additional 18 months in hardship cases, see sec. 7 of Pub. L. 95-445 set out as a note under section 603 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

#### § 1905. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069

Section, Pub. L. 85-765, § 5, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 863, related to establishment, composition, functions, compensation, meetings, and reports of advisory committees.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective one year after Oct. 10, 1978, and nonapplicability during not to exceed additional 18 months in hardship cases, see sec. 7 of Pub. L. 95-445 set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 603 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

#### § 1906. Exemption of ritual slaughter

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit, abridge, or in any way hinder the religious freedom of any person or group. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in order to protect freedom of religion, ritual

slaughter and the handling or other preparation of livestock for ritual slaughter are exempted from the terms of this chapter. For the purposes of this section the term “ritual slaughter” means slaughter in accordance with section 1902(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-765, § 6, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 864.)

#### § 1907. Practices involving nonambulatory livestock

##### (a) Report

The Secretary of Agriculture shall investigate and submit to Congress a report on—

- (1) the scope of nonambulatory livestock;
- (2) the causes that render livestock nonambulatory;
- (3) the humane treatment of nonambulatory livestock; and
- (4) the extent to which nonambulatory livestock may present handling and disposition problems for stockyards, market agencies, and dealers.

##### (b) Authority

Based on the findings of the report, if the Secretary determines it necessary, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations to provide for the humane treatment, handling, and disposition of nonambulatory livestock by stockyards, market agencies, and dealers.

##### (c) Administration and enforcement

For the purpose of administering and enforcing any regulations promulgated under subsection (b) of this section, the authorities provided under sections 10414 [7 U.S.C. 8313] and 10415 [7 U.S.C. 8314] shall apply to the regulations in a similar manner as those sections apply to the Animal Health Protection Act [7 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.]. Any person that violates regulations promulgated under subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to penalties provided in section 10414.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10815, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 532.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Animal Health Protection Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is subtitle E (§§ 10401-10418) of title X of Pub. L. 107-171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 494, which is classified principally to chapter 109 (§ 8301 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8301 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and not as part of Pub. L. 85-765, which comprises this chapter.

#### CHAPTER 49—CONSULTATION ON AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Sec.	
1911.	Consultation of Secretary of Agriculture with farmers, farm and commodity organizations and other persons and organizations; travel and per diem expenses.
1912.	Submission of legislative proposals.
1913.	Authority of Secretary of Agriculture under other provisions of law and to establish and consult with advisory committees.