

1996—Pub. L. 104-193 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions relating to availability of flour, cornmeal, and cheese acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 4201(b) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

**§ 7504. Initial processing costs**

The Secretary may use funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to pay costs of initial processing and packaging of commodities to be distributed under the program established under this chapter into forms, and in quantities, suitable, as determined by the Secretary, for use in individual households when such commodities are to be consumed by individual households or for institutional use, as applicable. The Secretary may pay such costs in the form of Corporation-owned commodities equal in value to such costs. The Secretary shall ensure that any such payments in kind will not displace commercial sales of such commodities.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §203A, as added Pub. L. 98-92, §2(5), Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 609; amended Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §1565(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1591.)

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 struck out “, except that wheat from the Food Security Wheat Reserve may not be used to pay such costs” after “equal in value to such costs”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-92, §2, Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 608, provided in part that this section is effective Oct. 1, 1983.

**§ 7505. Federal and State responsibilities**

**(a) Federal responsibility; optional State priority**

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as possible, provide the commodities made available under this chapter in such quantities as can be used without waste to State agencies designated by the Governor or other appropriate State official for distribution to eligible recipient agencies, except that the Secretary may provide such commodities directly to eligible recipient agencies and to private companies that process such commodities for eligible recipient agencies under sections<sup>1</sup> 7504 of this title. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the distribution of commodities under this chapter, each State agency shall have the option to give priority to existing food bank networks and other organizations whose ongoing primary function is to facilitate the distribution of food to low-income households, including food from sources other than the Department of Agriculture.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “section”.

**(b) Distribution by State agencies; priority; rural areas**

State agencies receiving commodities under this chapter shall, as expeditiously as possible, distribute such commodities, in the quantities requested (to the extent practicable), to eligible recipient agencies within their respective States. However, if a State agency cannot meet all requests for a particular commodity under this chapter, the State agency shall give priority in the distribution of such commodity to eligible recipient agencies providing nutrition assistance to relieve situations of emergency and distress through the provision of food to needy persons, including low-income and unemployed persons. Each State agency shall encourage distribution of such commodities in rural areas.

**(c) Distribution to needy persons**

Each State agency receiving commodities for individual household use under this chapter shall distribute such commodities to eligible recipient agencies in the State that serve needy persons, and shall, with the approval of the Secretary, determine those persons in the State that shall qualify as needy persons eligible for such commodities.

**(d) Cooperative agreements with adjoining States**

Each State agency receiving commodities under this chapter may—

- (1) enter into cooperative agreements with State agencies of other States for joint provision of such commodities to an emergency feeding organization that serves needy persons in a single geographical area part of which is situated in each of such States; or
- (2) transfer such commodities to any such emergency feeding organization in the other State under such agreement.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §203B, as added Pub. L. 98-92, §2(5), Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 610; amended Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §1568, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1592; Pub. L. 100-435, title I, §105(c), Sept. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 1651; Pub. L. 104-193, title VIII, §871(e)(1), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2345.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-193 substituted “203A”, which was translated as “section 7504 of this title”, for “203 and 203A of this Act”.

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-435 inserted at end “Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the distribution of commodities under this chapter, each State agency shall have the option to give priority to existing food bank networks and other organizations whose ongoing primary function is to facilitate the distribution of food to low-income households, including food from sources other than the Department of Agriculture.”

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-198, §1568(a), inserted at end “Each State agency shall encourage distribution of such commodities in rural areas.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-198, §1568(b), added subsec. (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-435 to be effective and implemented on Oct. 1, 1988, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 100-435, set out as a note under section 2012 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-92, §2, Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 608, provided in part that this section is effective Oct. 1, 1983.