

**(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) of this section; 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

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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 Agriculture 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 pur-

pose 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.

Not less than ten Agricultural Counselors shall be appointed within three years after October 21, 1978.

**(c) Attachment to diplomatic missions**

Upon the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of State shall regularly and officially attach the officers or employees of the United States Department of Agriculture to the diplomatic mission of the United States in the country in which such officers or employees are to be assigned by the Secretary of Agriculture, and shall obtain for them diplomatic privileges and immunities equivalent to those enjoyed by Foreign Service personnel of comparable rank and salary.

**(d) Assignment to United States**

Any officer or employee appointed and assigned to a post abroad pursuant to this subchapter may, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be assigned for duty in the continental United States, without regard to the

civil service laws (and without reduction in grade if an appropriate position at the employee's grade is not available in any agency of the Department of Agriculture), for a period of not more than three years: *Provided*, That the total number of such employees assigned for duty in the continental United States under this provision shall not exceed fifteen at any one time: *Provided further*, That this Act shall not increase the number of persons employed at grade GS-16, GS-17, or GS-18.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, §602(a)-(d), formerly §602(a)-(c), (e), 68 Stat. 908, 909; amended June 28, 1955, ch. 189, §12(c)(13), 69 Stat. 182; Pub. L. 89-106, §4, Aug. 4, 1965, 79 Stat. 431; Pub. L. 94-449, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1500; renumbered §602(a)-(d) and amended Pub. L. 95-501, title III, §301(4), (5), title IV, §401(3), (5), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688, 1691.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is act Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, 68 Stat. 897, as amended, known as the Agricultural Act of 1954. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1741 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-501, §301(4), substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-501, §301(5), inserted provisions relating to appointment of Agricultural Counselors and rank and privileges to be accorded such counselors or other officers or employees assigned abroad.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 95-501, §§301(4), 401(5), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d) and substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”. Former subsec. (d), relating to Presidential regulations, was redesignated section 606B of act Aug. 28, 1954, by section 401(3) of Pub. L. 95-501, which is classified to section 1766a of this title.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 95-501, §401(3), redesignated subsec. (f), relating to language training for families of officers and employees assigned abroad, as section 606C of act Aug. 28, 1954, which is classified to section 1766b of this title.

1976—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 94-449 added subsec. (f).

1965—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 89-106 added subsec. (e).

1955—Subsec. (a). Act June 28, 1955, repealed provisions authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to place not more than eight positions in grade 16 and two in grade 17 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1955 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act June 28, 1955, effective June 28, 1955, see section 13 of act of June 28, 1955.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

EX. ORD. NO. 10624. REGULATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL ABROAD

Ex. Ord. No. 10624, July 28, 1955, 20 F.R. 5445, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10903, Jan. 9, 1961, 26 F.R. 217; Ex. Ord. No. 11530, May 26, 1970, 35 F.R. 8335; Ex. Ord. No. 12292, Feb. 23, 1981, 46 F.R. 13967; Ex. Ord. No. 12608, Sept. 9, 1987, 52 F.R. 34617, provided:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by sections 605, 606B and 606D of Title VI of the Act of August 28,