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24, 1980, 94 Stat. 1174, set forth definitions for purposes of this subchapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in former section 2668 of this title, which was omitted from the Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this

§ 2668. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, §508, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 674, related to Secretary's authority to promulgate such regulations as might be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1322. See section 2667 of this title.

§ 2669. Pilot projects for production and marketing of industrial hydrocarbons and alcohols from agricultural commodities and forest products

(a) Formulation and execution of program

The Secretary is authorized and directed to formulate and carry out a pilot program for the production and marketing of industrial hydrocarbons derived from agricultural commodities and forest products for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding the market for such commodities and products and expanding the Nation's supply of industrial hydrocarbons.

(b) Loan guarantees

The Secretary shall provide for four pilot projects for the production of industrial hydrocarbons and alcohols from agricultural commodities and forest products by guaranteeing loans, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per each such project, to public, private, or cooperative organizations organized for profit or nonprofit, or to individuals for a term not to exceed twenty years at a rate of interest agreed upon by the borrower and lender.

(c) Conditions

No loan may be guaranteed under this section unless (1) research indicates the total energy content of the products and byproducts to be manufactured by the loan applicant will exceed the total energy input from fossil fuels used in the manufacture of such products and byproducts, and (2) such other conditions as the Secretary deems appropriate to achieve the purposes of this section are met.

(d) Long-term contracts to supply agricultural commodities to loan recipients

In order to assure that the recipients of loans made under this section have a dependable supply of agricultural commodities at a stable price for use in the pilot projects provided for in this section, the Secretary is authorized to enter into long-term contracts, not exceeding five years, with the recipients of such loans. Such contracts shall guarantee the recipients of such loans a specified quantity of agricultural commodities annually at mutually agreed upon prices, but the agricultural commodities shall not be sold under any such contracts at less than the price support level prescribed for the commodity concerned unless the commodities are out of condition, unstorable, or samplegrade or lower, as prescribed in Department of Agriculture standards.

(e) Commodity Credit Corporation stocks as supply sources; outside purchases

The Secretary shall supply from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks or, to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, purchase such quantities of agricultural commodities as may be necessary to comply with the terms of agreements entered into under this section.

(f) Commodity Credit Corporation

The provisions of this section shall be carried out through the Commodity Credit Corporation. (Pub. L. 92-419, title V, §508, formerly §509, as added Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1420, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 998; renumbered Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1444(b), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

§ 2670. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(b), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326

Section, Pub. L. 92–419, title V, §510, as added Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1443, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1006, required an annual evaluation by Secretary of effectiveness of programs established under section 2662(c) and (d) of this title and submission of an annual report to Congress on that evaluation and operation of programs during previous year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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.

CHAPTER 60-EGG RESEARCH AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

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Eggs constitute one of the basic, natural foods in the diet. They are produced by many individ-

ual egg producers throughout the United States. Egg products, spent fowl, and products of spent fowl are derivatives of egg production. These products move in interstate and foreign commerce and those which do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce of these products. The maintenance and expansion of existing markets and the development of new or improved markets and uses are vital to the welfare of egg producers and those concerned with marketing, using, and processing eggs as well as the general economy of the Nation. The production and marketing of these products by numerous individual egg producers have prevented the development and carrying out of adequate and coordinated programs of research and promotion necessary for the maintenance of markets and the development of new products of, and markets for, eggs, egg products, spent fowl, and products of spent fowl. Without an effective and coordinated method of assuring cooperative and collective action in providing for and financing such programs, individual egg producers are unable to provide, obtain, or carry out the research, consumer and producer information, and promotion necessary to maintain and improve markets for any or all of these products.

It has long been recognized that it is in the public interest to provide an adequate, steady supply of fresh eggs readily available to the consumers of the Nation. Maintenance of markets and the development of new markets, both domestic and foreign, are essential to the egg industry if the consumers of eggs, egg products, spent fowl, or products of spent fowl are to be assured of an adequate, steady supply of such products.

It is therefore declared to be the policy of the Congress and the purpose of this chapter that it is essential and in the public interest, through the exercise of the powers provided herein, to authorize and enable the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development and the financing through an adequate assessment, an effective and continuous coordinated program of research, consumer and producer education, and promotion designed to strengthen the egg industry's position in the marketplace, and maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for eggs, egg products, spent fowl, and products of spent fowl of the United States. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to mean, or provide for, control of production or otherwise limit the right of individual egg producers to produce commercial eggs.

(Pub. L. 93-428, §2, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1171.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 93–428, §21, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1179, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] shall take effect upon enactment [Oct. 1, 1974]".

SHORT TITLE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103–188, §1, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2256, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 2707, 2708, and 2711 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 2703 of this title] may be cited as the 'Egg Research and Consumer Information Act Amendments of 1993'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-575, §1, Oct. 31, 1988, 102 Stat. 2895, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 2707 and 2712 of this title] may be cited as the 'Egg Research and Consumer Information Act Amendments of 1988'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 96–276, §1, June 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 541, provided: "That this Act [amending sections 2707, 2708, and 2714 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 4a of this title] may be cited as the 'Egg Research and Consumer Information Act Amendments of 1980."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 93–428, §1, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1171, provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] shall be known as the 'Egg Research and Consumer Information Act'."

SEPARABILITY

Pub. L. 93-428, §19, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1179, provided that: "If any provision of this Act [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under this section] or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby".

§ 2702. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

- (a) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture or any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to whom there has heretofore been delegated, or to whom there may hereafter be delegated, the authority to act in his stead.
- (b) The term "person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other entity.
- (c) The term "commercial eggs" or "eggs" means eggs from domesticated chickens which are sold for human consumption either in shell egg form or for further processing into egg products.
- (d) The term "hen" or "laying hen" means a domesticated female chicken twenty weeks of age or over, raised primarily for the production of commercial eggs.
- (e) The term "egg producer" means the person owning laying hens engaged in the production of commercial eggs.
- (f) The term "case" means a standard shipping package containing thirty dozen eggs.
- (g) The term "hatching eggs" means eggs intended for use by hatcheries for the production of baby chicks.
- (h) The term "United States" means the fortyeight contiguous States of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.
- (i) The term "promotion" means any action, including paid advertising, to advance the image or desirability of eggs, egg products, spent fowl, or products of spent fowl.
- (j) The term "research" means any type of research to advance the image, desirability, marketability, production, or quality of eggs, egg products, spent fowl, or products of spent fowl.
- (k) The term "consumer education" means any action to advance the image or desirability of eggs, egg products, spent fowl, or products of spent fowl.