

(ii) that the Secretary determines to be a high value agricultural product.

For purposes of this paragraph, fish entirely produced in the United States include fish harvested by a documented fishing vessel as defined in title 46 in waters that are not waters (including the territorial sea) of a foreign country.

(8) Independent states of the former Soviet Union

The term “independent states of the former Soviet Union” means the following: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §102, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3669; amended Pub. L. 102-511, title VII, §702, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3349; Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §243(c), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 967; Pub. L. 107-171, title III, §3104(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 290.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Par. (5)(A)(ii) to (vi). Pub. L. 107-171 added cls. (ii) to (vi) and struck out former cl. (ii) which read as follows: “is unjustifiable, unreasonable, or discriminatory and burdens or restricts United States commerce.”

1996—Par. (7). Pub. L. 104-127 added subpars. (A) and (B) and struck out former subpars. (A) and (B) which read as follows:

“(A) with respect to any agricultural commodity other than a product of an agricultural commodity, an agricultural commodity entirely produced in the United States; and

“(B) with respect to a product of an agricultural commodity—

“(i) a product all of the agricultural components of which are entirely produced in the United States; or

“(ii) any other product the Secretary may designate that contains any agricultural component that is not entirely produced in the United States if—

“(I) such component is an added, de minimis component,

“(II) such component is not commercially produced in the United States, and

“(III) there is no acceptable substitute for such component that is commercially produced in the United States.”

1992—Par. (1). Pub. L. 102-511, §702(a), substituted “feed, fiber, or livestock (including livestock as it is defined in section 1471(2) of this title and insects)” for “feed, or fiber”.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 102-511, §702(b), added par. (8).

§ 5603. Agricultural export promotion strategy

(a) In general

The Secretary shall develop a strategy for implementing Federal agricultural export promotion programs that takes into account the new market opportunities for agricultural products, including opportunities that result from—

(1) the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Uruguay Round Agreements;

(2) any accession to membership in the World Trade Organization;

(3) the continued economic growth in the Pacific Rim; and

(4) other developments.

(b) Purpose of strategy

The strategy developed under subsection (a) of this section shall encourage the maintenance,

development, and expansion of export markets for United States agricultural commodities and related products, including high-value and value-added products.

(c) Goals of strategy

The strategy developed under subsection (a) of this section shall have the following goals:

(1) Increase the value of United States agricultural exports each year.

(2) Increase the value of United States agricultural exports each year at a faster rate than the rate of increase in the value of overall world export trade in agricultural products.

(3) Increase the value of United States high-value and value-added agricultural exports each year.

(4) Increase the value of United States high-value and value-added agricultural exports each year at a faster rate than the rate of increase in the value of overall world export trade in high-value and value-added agricultural products.

(5) Ensure that to the extent practicable—

(A) all obligations undertaken in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture that significantly increase access for United States agricultural commodities are implemented to the extent required by the Uruguay Round Agreements; or

(B) applicable United States laws are used to secure United States rights under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture.

(d) Priority markets

(1) Identification of markets

In developing the strategy required under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall annually identify as priority markets—

(A) those markets in which imports of agricultural products show the greatest potential for increase; and

(B) those markets in which, with the assistance of Federal export promotion programs, exports of United States agricultural products show the greatest potential for increase.

(2) Identification of supporting offices

The President shall identify annually in the budget of the United States Government submitted under section 1105 of title 31 each overseas office of the Foreign Agricultural Service that provides assistance to United States exporters in each of the priority markets identified under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §103, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3670; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §308, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856; Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §241(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 963.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions requiring development of long-term agricultural trade strategy and providing for goals and contents of strategy, establishment of priority markets, review of strategy, confidentiality, withholding of information from Congress, and termination of section on Dec. 31, 1995.

1991—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 102-237 inserted a closing parenthesis before period at end.

PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF
TOBACCO OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §770, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 40, provided that: "Hereafter, no funds provided in this or any other Act shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture acting through the Foreign Agricultural Service to promote the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco products."

USE OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS FOR
PROMOTION OF WOOD AND PROCESSED WOOD PRODUCTS

Pub. L. 100-418, title IV, §4404, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1402, provided that: "The Secretary of Agriculture shall actively use Department of Agriculture concessional programs and export credit guarantee programs to promote the export of wood and processed wood products."

§ 5603a. Global market strategy

(a) In general

Not later than 180 days after May 13, 2002, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on International Relations, of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on the formulation and implementation of a global market strategy for the Department of Agriculture that, to the maximum extent practicable—

- (1) identifies opportunities for the growth of agricultural exports to overseas markets;
- (2) ensures that the resources, programs, and policies of the Department are coordinated with those of other agencies; and
- (3) remove¹ barriers to agricultural trade in overseas markets.

(b) Review

The consultations under subsection (a) of this section shall include a review of—

- (1) the strategic goals of the Department; and
- (2) the progress of the Department in implementing the strategic goals through the global market strategy.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title III, §3206, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 301.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 which comprises this chapter.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on International Relations of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Foreign Affairs of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 5604. Preservation of traditional markets

The Secretary shall, in implementing programs of the Department of Agriculture intended to encourage or assist exports of agricultural commodities, seek to preserve traditional markets for United States agricultural commodities.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §104, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3672.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be "removes".

§ 5605. Independence of authorities

Each authority granted under this chapter shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any authority granted to the Secretary or the Commodity Credit Corporation under any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §105, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3672.)

§ 5606. Implementation of commitments under Uruguay Round Agreements

Not later than September 30 of each year, the Secretary shall evaluate whether the obligations undertaken by foreign countries under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture are being fully implemented. If the Secretary has reason to believe (based on the evaluation) that any foreign country, by not implementing the obligations of the country, may be significantly constraining an opportunity for United States agricultural exports, the Secretary shall—

- (1) submit the evaluation to the United States Trade Representative; and
- (2) transmit a copy of the evaluation to the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Ways and Means, of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Committee on Finance, of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §106, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §242(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 964.)

§ 5607. Exporter assistance initiative

To provide a comprehensive source of information to facilitate exports of United States agricultural commodities, the Secretary shall maintain on a website on the Internet information to assist exporters and potential exporters of United States agricultural commodities.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §107, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title III, §3101, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 288.)

SUBCHAPTER II—AGRICULTURAL EXPORT
PROGRAMS

PART A—PROGRAMS

§ 5621. Direct credit sales program

(a) Short-term program

To promote the sale of agricultural commodities, the Commodity Credit Corporation may finance the commercial export sale of such commodities from privately owned stocks on credit terms for not to exceed a 3-year period.

(b) Intermediate-term program

Subject to subsection (c) of this section, to promote the sale of agricultural commodities the Commodity Credit Corporation may finance the commercial export sales of agricultural commodities from privately owned stocks on credit terms for a period of not less than 3 years nor in excess of 10 years in a manner that will directly benefit United States agricultural producers.