

may be cited as the “Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990” and specified purpose of and definitions relating to this subchapter.

Section 5902, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1658, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3757; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §405(a), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1864; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §722(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1113, created the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation.

Section 5903, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1659, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3759; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §723(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1115, related to board of directors, employees, and facilities.

Section 5904, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1660, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3761; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §724, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1119, related to research and development grants, contracts, and agreements.

Section 5905, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1661, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3762; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §725, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1119, related to commercialization assistance.

Section 5906, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1662, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3764; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §726, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1119, related to general rules regarding provision of assistance.

Section 5907, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1663, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3765; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §405(b), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1864; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §727, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1119, related to Regional Centers.

Section 5908, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1664, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3766; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §728, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1120, related to the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Revolving Fund.

Section 5909, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1665, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §729, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1121, related to procurement of alternative agricultural research and commercialization products.

DISPOSITION AND USE OF ASSETS

Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §201(b), (c), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 418, 419, provided that:

“(b) DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.—On the date of enactment of this Act [May 13, 2002]—

“(1) the assets, both tangible and intangible, of the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation (referred to in this section as the ‘Corporation’), including the funds in the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Revolving Fund as of the date of enactment of this Act, are transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture; and

“(2) notwithstanding the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.) [see chapters 1 to 11 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and division C (except sections 3302, 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of Title 41, Public Contracts] and any other law that prescribes procedures for procurement, use, and disposal of property by a Federal agency, the Secretary shall have authority to manage and dispose of the assets transferred under paragraph (1) in a manner that, to the maximum extent practicable, provides the best value to the Federal Government.

“(c) USE OF ASSETS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds transferred under subsection (b), and any income from assets or proceeds from the sale of assets transferred under subsection (b), shall be deposited in an account in the Treasury, and shall remain available to the Secretary until expended, without further appropriation, to pay—

“(A) any claims against, or obligations of, the Corporation; and

“(B) the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out this section.

“(2) FINAL DISPOSITION.—On final disposition of all assets transferred under subsection (b), any funds remaining in the account described in paragraph (1) shall be transferred into miscellaneous receipts in the Treasury.”

BUSINESS PLAN AND FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT

Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §730, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1122, provided for a business plan for, and a feasibility study and report on, the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §201(d)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 419.

SUBCHAPTER VII—MISCELLANEOUS RESEARCH PROVISIONS

§ 5921. Biotechnology risk assessment research

(a) Purpose

It is the purpose of this section—

(1) to authorize and support environmental assessment research to help identify and analyze environmental effects of biotechnology; and

(2) to authorize research to help regulators develop long-term policies concerning the introduction of such technology.

(b) Grant program

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a grant program within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Agricultural Research Service to provide the necessary funding for environmental assessment research concerning the introduction of genetically engineered animals, plants, and microorganisms into the environment.

(c) Research priorities

The following types of research shall be given priority for funding:

(1) Research designed to identify and develop appropriate management practices to minimize physical and biological risks associated with genetically engineered animals, plants, and microorganisms.

(2) Research designed to develop methods to monitor the dispersal of genetically engineered animals, plants, and microorganisms.

(3) Research designed to further existing knowledge with respect to the characteristics, rates, and methods of gene transfer that may occur between genetically engineered animals, plants, and microorganisms and related wild and agricultural organisms.

(4) Environmental assessment research designed to provide analysis which compares the relative impacts of animals, plants, and microorganisms modified through genetic engineering to other types of production systems.

(5) Other areas of research designed to further the purposes of this section.

(d) Eligibility requirements

Grants under this section shall be—

(1) made on the basis of the quality of the proposed research project; and

(2) available to any public or private research or educational institution or organization.

(e) Consultation

In considering specific areas of research for funding under this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

(f) Program coordination

The Secretary of Agriculture shall coordinate research funded under this section with the Office of Research and Development of the Environmental Protection Agency in order to avoid duplication of research activities.

(g) Authorization of appropriations**(1) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary to carry out this section.

(2) Withholdings from biotechnology outlays

The Secretary of Agriculture shall withhold from outlays of the Department of Agriculture for research on biotechnology, as defined and determined by the Secretary, at least 2 percent of such amount for the purpose of making grants under this section for research on biotechnology risk assessment.

(3) Application of funds

Funds made available under this subsection shall be applied, to the maximum extent practicable, to risk assessment research on all categories identified in subsection (c) of this section.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1668, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3767; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §407(9), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §7210, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 446; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7511(c)(21), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1269; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7511(c)(21), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2031.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-246, §7511(c)(21), substituted “National Institute of Food and Agriculture” for “Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 reenacted section catchline and amended text generally, substituting substantially similar provisions in subsecs. (a), (b), and (d) to (g), and substituting in subsec. (c), provisions relating to research priorities for provisions relating to types of research.

1991—Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 102-237 substituted “Withholdings” for “Withholdings” in heading.

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 7511(c)(21) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

§ 5921a. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7411, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1255, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7411, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2017

Section, Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10802, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 525, related to public information campaign regarding use of biotechnology in producing food for human consumption.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 repealed this section. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 5922. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10705(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 519

Section, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1669, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3768, related to Graduate School of Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 2002, see section 10705(c) of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendment note under section 2279b of this title.

§ 5923. Rural electronic commerce extension program

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Development center

The term “development center” means—

(A) the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development;

(B) the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development or its designee;

(C) the Southern Rural Development Center; and

(D) the Western Rural Development Center or its designee.

(2) Extension program

The term “extension program” means the rural electronic commerce extension program established under subsection (b) of this section.

(3) Microenterprise

The term “microenterprise” means a commercial enterprise that has 5 or fewer employees, 1 or more of whom own the enterprise.

(4) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(5) Small business

The term “small business” has the meaning given the term “small-business concern” by section 632(a) of title 15.

(b) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a rural electronic commerce extension program to expand and enhance electronic commerce practices and technology to be used by small businesses and microenterprises in rural areas.

(c) Grants**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall carry out the program established under subsection (b) of this section by making—