

(C) the conduct of in vitro and in vivo studies;

(D) the conduct of field, efficacy, and safety studies;

(E) the preparation of an application for marketing approval for submission to an applicable agency; or

(F) other actions taken by an applicable agency in a case in which an agricultural countermeasure is procured or used prior to issuance of a license or other form of Federal Government approval.

(10) Plant

The term “plant” has the meaning given the term in section 7702 of this title.

(11) Qualified agricultural countermeasure

The term “qualified agricultural countermeasure” means an agricultural countermeasure that the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, determines to be a priority in order to address an agricultural biosecurity threat.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14102, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1453; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14102, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2215.)

CODIFICATION

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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this chapter 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14101, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1453, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14101, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2215, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle B (§§14101–14122) of title XIV of Pub. L. 110-246, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Agricultural Security Improvement Act of 2008’.”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.]

DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER I—AGRICULTURAL SECURITY

§ 8911. Office of Homeland Security

(a) Establishment

There is established within the Department the Office of Homeland Security (in this section referred to as the “Office”).

(b) Director

The Office shall be headed by a Director of Homeland Security, who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

(c) Responsibilities

The Director of Homeland Security shall—

(1) coordinate all homeland security activities of the Department, including integration and coordination of interagency emergency response plans for—

(A) agricultural disease emergencies;

(B) agroterrorist acts; and

(C) other threats to agricultural biosecurity;

(2) act as the primary liaison on behalf of the Department with other Federal departments and agencies on the coordination of efforts and interagency activities pertaining to agricultural biosecurity; and

(3) advise the Secretary on policies, regulations, processes, budget, and actions pertaining to homeland security.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14111, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1454; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14111, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2216.)

CODIFICATION

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

DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

§ 8912. Agricultural biosecurity communication center

(a) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a communication center within the Department to—

(1) collect and disseminate information and prepare for an agricultural disease emergency, agroterrorist act, or other threat to agricultural biosecurity; and

(2) coordinate activities described in paragraph (1) among agencies and offices within the Department.

(b) Relation to existing DHS communication systems

(1) Consistency and coordination

The communication center established under subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, share and coordinate the dissemination of timely information with the Department of Homeland Security and other communication systems of appropriate Federal departments and agencies.

(2) Avoiding redundancies

Paragraph (1) shall not be construed to impede, conflict with, or duplicate the communications activities performed by the Secretary of Homeland Security under any provision of law.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14112, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1455; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14112, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2217.)

CODIFICATION

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

DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.