

§ 1747. Authorization of appropriations; determination of value of transferred commodity

In order to make payment to the Commodity Credit Corporation for any commodities transferred to the national stockpile pursuant to section 1743(a)(4) of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated amounts equal to the value of any commodities so transferred. The value of any commodity so transferred, for the purpose of this section, shall be the lower of the domestic market price or the Commodity Credit Corporation's investment therein as of the date of transfer to the stockpile, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, §107, 68 Stat. 898.)

§ 1748. Annual reports by agricultural attachés

(a) In general

The Secretary shall require appropriate officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture, including those stationed in foreign countries, to prepare and submit annually to the Secretary detailed reports that—

(1) document the nature and extent of—

(A) programs in such countries that provide direct or indirect government support for the export of agricultural commodities and the products thereof;

(B) other trade practices that may impede the entry of United States agricultural commodities and the products thereof into such countries; and

(C) where practicable, the average prices and costs of production in such countries for like commodities exported from the United States to such countries; and

(2) identify opportunities for the export of United States agricultural commodities and the products thereof to such countries.

(b) Duties

The Secretary shall—

(1) annually compile the information contained in reports prepared under subsection (a) of this section—

(A) on a country by country basis; and

(B) on a commodity by commodity basis for exports of United States agricultural commodities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, the export of which is hampered by an unfair trade practice. Where practicable, the report shall include a comparison of the average prices and costs of production for such commodities in the United States and in the importing countries for the previous crop year;

(2) in consultation with the agricultural technical advisory committees established under section 2155(c) of title 19, include in the compilation a priority ranking of those trade barriers identified in subsection (a) of this section by commodity group;

(3) include in the compilation a list of actions undertaken to reduce or eliminate such trade barriers; and

(4) not later than January 15 of each year, make the compilation available to Congress, the agricultural policy advisory committee, and other interested parties.

(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.)

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