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**§ 491. Destruction or dumping of farm produce received in interstate commerce by commission merchants, etc.; penalty**

After June 30, 1927, any person, firm, association, or corporation receiving any fruits, vegetables, melons, dairy, or poultry products or any perishable farm products of any kind or character, hereinafter referred to as produce, in interstate commerce, or in the District of Columbia, for or on behalf of another, who without good and sufficient cause therefor, shall destroy, or abandon, discard as refuse or dump any produce directly or indirectly, or through collusion with any person, or who shall knowingly and with intent to defraud make any false report or statement to the person, firm, association, or corporation from whom any produce was received, concerning the handling, condition, quality, quantity, sale, or disposition thereof, or who shall knowingly and with intent to defraud fail truly and correctly to account therefor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$3,000, or by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 1, 44 Stat. 1355.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section constitutes part of section 1 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 1 was classified to section 492 of this title.

**§ 492. Repealed. Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 632, § 2, 69 Stat. 553**

Section, act Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 1, 44 Stat. 1355, related to investigation of quality and condition of produce received in interstate commerce. See section 1622(h) of this title.

**§ 493. Enforcement of provisions; prosecution of cases**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to enforce this chapter. It is made the duty of all United States attorneys to prosecute cases arising under this chapter, subject to the supervision and control of the Department of Justice.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 2, 44 Stat. 1355.)

**§ 494. Rules and regulations; cooperation with States, etc., officers and employees; expenditures**

The Secretary of Agriculture may make such rules and regulations as he may deem advisable

to carry out the provisions of this chapter and may cooperate with any department or agency of the Government, any State, Territory, District, or possession, or department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or any person; and may call upon any Federal department, board, or commission for assistance in carrying out the purposes of this chapter; and shall have the power to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of such officers and employees not in conflict with existing law and make such expenditure for rent, outside the District of Columbia, printing, telegrams, telephones, books of reference, books of law, periodicals, newspapers, furniture, stationery, office equipment, travel, and other supplies and expenses as shall be deemed necessary to the administration of this chapter in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 3, 44 Stat. 1355.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section constitutes part of section 3 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 3 is classified to sections 495 and 496 of this title.

**§ 495. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary after the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927 to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 3, 44 Stat. 1355.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section constitutes part of section 3 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 3 is classified to sections 494 and 496 of this title.

**§ 496. Validity of other statutes dealing with same subject**

This chapter shall not abrogate nor nullify any other statute, whether State or Federal, dealing with the same subjects as this chapter, but it is intended that all such statutes shall remain in full force and effect, except insofar only as they are inconsistent herewith or repugnant hereto.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 3, 44 Stat. 1355.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section constitutes part of section 3 of act Mar. 3, 1927. Remainder of section 3 is classified to sections 494 and 495 of this title.

**§ 497. Separability**

If any provision of this chapter is declared unconstitutional or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter and the applicability of such provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 309, § 4, 44 Stat. 1356.)

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