

“(g) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the Secretary of Agriculture, after reasonable notice to a State, finds that there has been a failure by the State to comply substantially with any provision or requirement of the State plan, the Secretary may disqualify, for one or more years, the State from receipt of future grants under this section.

“(h) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.—For each year that a State receives a grant under this section, the State shall conduct an audit of the expenditures of grant funds by the State. Not later than 30 days after the completion of the audit, the State shall submit a copy of the audit to the Secretary of Agriculture.

“(i) REALLOCATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reallocate to other States in accordance with paragraph (2) any amounts made available for a fiscal year under this section that are not obligated or expended by a date during that fiscal year determined by the Secretary.

“(2) PRO RATA ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate funds described in paragraph (1) pro rata to the remaining States that applied during the specified grant application period.

“(3) USE OF REALLOCATED FUNDS.—Funds allocated to a State under this subsection shall be used by the State only to carry out projects that were previously approved in the State plan of the State.

“(j) MULTISTATE PROJECTS.—Not later than 180 days after the effective date of the Agricultural Act of 2014 [Feb. 7, 2014], the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue guidance for the purpose of making grants to multi-state projects under this section for projects involving—

- “(1) food safety;
- “(2) plant pests and disease;
- “(3) research;
- “(4) crop-specific projects addressing common issues; and
- “(5) any other area that furthers the purposes of this section, as determined by the Secretary.

“(k) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(1) DEPARTMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture may not use more than 3 percent of the funds made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year for administrative expenses.

“(2) STATES.—A State receiving a grant under this section may not use more than 8 percent of the funds received under the grant for a fiscal year for administrative expenses.

“(l) FUNDING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make grants under this section, using—

- “(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;
- “(B) \$49,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
- “(C) \$55,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2012;
- “(D) \$72,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017; and
- “(E) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter.

“(2) MULTISTATE PROJECTS.—Of the funds made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary may use to carry out subsection (j), to remain available until expended—

- “(A) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;
- “(B) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2015;
- “(C) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2016;
- “(D) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2017; and
- “(E) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2018.”

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FOOD MARKETING

Pub. L. 88-354, July 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 269, as amended by Pub. L. 89-20, May 15, 1965, 79 Stat. 111, provided for the establishment of a bipartisan National Commission on Food Marketing composed of fifteen members, five from the Senate, five from the House of Representatives and five from outside the Federal Government, to study and appraise the marketing structure of the food industry and to make a final report of its findings and

conclusions to the President and to the Congress by July 1, 1966. The Commission ceased to exist ninety days after submission of its final report.

§ 1622. Duties of Secretary relating to agricultural products

The Secretary of Agriculture is directed and authorized:

(a) Determination of methods of processing, packaging, marketing, etc.; publication of results

To conduct, assist, and foster research, investigation, and experimentation to determine the best methods of processing, preparation for market, packaging, handling, transporting, storing, distributing, and marketing agricultural products: *Provided*, That the results of such research shall be made available to the public for the purpose of expanding the use of American agricultural products in such manner as the Secretary of Agriculture may determine.

(b) Determination of costs

To determine costs of marketing agricultural products in their various forms and through the various channels and to foster and assist in the development and establishment of more efficient marketing methods (including analyses of methods and proposed methods), practices, and facilities, for the purpose of bringing about more efficient and orderly marketing, and reducing the price spread between the producer and the consumer.

(c) Improvement of standards of quality, condition, etc.; standard of quality for ice cream

To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging, and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices. Within thirty days after September 29, 1977, the Secretary shall by regulation adopt a standard of quality for ice cream which shall provide that ice cream shall contain at least 1.6 pounds of total solids to the gallon, weigh not less than 4.5 pounds to the gallon and contain not less than 20 percent total milk solids, constituted of not less than 10 percent milkfat. In no case shall the content of milk solids not fat be less than 6 percent. Whey shall not, by weight, be more than 25 percent of the milk solids not fat. Only those products which meet the standard issued by the Secretary may bear a symbol thereon indicating that they meet the Department of Agriculture standard for “ice cream”.

(d) Elimination of artificial barriers to free movement

To conduct, assist, foster, and direct studies and informational programs designed to eliminate artificial barriers to the free movement of agricultural products.

(e) Development of new markets

(1) In general

To foster and assist in the development of new or expanded markets (domestic and foreign) and new and expanded uses and in the moving of larger quantities of agricultural products through the private marketing sys-

tem to consumers in the United States and abroad.

(2) Fees and penalties

(A) In general

In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary may assess and collect reasonable fees and late payment penalties to mediate and arbitrate disputes arising between parties in connection with transactions involving agricultural products moving in foreign commerce under the jurisdiction of a multinational entity.

(B) Deposit

Fees and penalties collected under subparagraph (A) shall be deposited into the account that incurred the cost of providing the mediation or arbitration service.

(C) Availability

Fees and penalties collected under subparagraph (A) shall be available to the Secretary without further Act of appropriation and shall remain available until expended to pay the expenses of the Secretary for providing mediation and arbitration services under this paragraph.

(D) No requirement for use of services

No person shall be required by the Secretary to use the mediation and arbitration services provided under this paragraph.

(f) Increasing consumer education

To conduct and cooperate in consumer education for the more effective utilization and greater consumption of agricultural products: *Provided*, That no money appropriated under the authority of this Act shall be used to pay for newspaper or periodical advertising space or radio time in carrying out the purposes of this section and subsection (e).

(g) Collection and dissemination of marketing information

To collect and disseminate marketing information, including adequate outlook information on a market-area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income, and bringing about a balance between production and utilization of agricultural products.

(h) Inspection and certification of products in interstate commerce; credit and future availability of funds; investment; certificates as evidence; penalties

(1) To inspect, certify, and identify the class, quality, quantity, and condition of agricultural products when shipped or received in interstate commerce, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe, including assessment and collection of such fees as will be reasonable and as nearly as may be to cover the cost of the service rendered, to the end that agricultural products may be marketed to the best advantage, that trading may be facilitated, and that consumers may be able to obtain the quality product which they desire, except that no person shall be required to use the service authorized by this subsection.

(2)(A) Any fees collected under this subsection, late payment penalties, the proceeds from the

sales of samples, and interest earned from the investment of such funds shall be credited to the trust fund account that incurs the cost of the services provided under this subsection and shall remain available without fiscal year limitation to pay the expenses of the Secretary incident to providing such services.

(B) Such funds may be invested by the Secretary in insured or fully collateralized, interest-bearing accounts or, at the discretion of the Secretary, by the Secretary of the Treasury in United States Government debt instruments.

(3) Any official certificate issued under the authority of this subsection shall be received by all officers and all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

(4) Whoever knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit any official certificate, memorandum, mark, or other identification, or device for making such mark or identification, with respect to inspection, class, grade, quality, size, quantity, or condition, issued or authorized under this section or knowingly cause or procure, or aid, assist in, or be a party to, such false making, issuing, altering, forging, or counterfeiting, or whoever knowingly shall possess, without promptly notifying the Secretary of Agriculture or his representative, utter, publish, or use as true, or cause to be uttered, published, or used as true, any such falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited official certificate, memorandum, mark, identification, or device, or whoever knowingly represents that an agricultural product has been officially inspected or graded (by an authorized inspector or grader) under the authority of this section when such commodity has in fact not been so graded or inspected shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(5) Shell eggs packed under the voluntary grading program of the Department of Agriculture shall not have been shipped for sale previous to being packed under the program, as determined under a regulation promulgated by the Secretary.

(6) IDENTIFICATION OF HONEY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The use of a label or advertising material on, or in conjunction with, packaged honey that bears any official certificate of quality, grade mark or statement, continuous inspection mark or statement, sampling mark or statement, or any combination of the certificates, marks, or statements of the Department of Agriculture is hereby prohibited under this Act unless there appears legibly and permanently in close proximity (such as on the same side(s) or surface(s)) to the certificate, mark, or statement, and in at least a comparable size, the 1 or more names of the 1 or more countries of origin of the lot or container of honey, preceded by the words "Product of" or other words of similar meaning.

(B) VIOLATION.—A violation of the requirements of subparagraph (A) may be deemed by the Secretary to be sufficient cause for debarment from the benefits of this Act only with respect to honey.

(i) Development of facilities for assembling, processing, transporting, etc.

To determine the needs and develop or assist in the development of plans for efficient facilities and methods of operating such facilities for the proper assembly, processing, transportation, storage, distribution, and handling of agricultural products.

(j) Improvement of transportation facilities and rates

To assist in improving transportation services and facilities and in obtaining equitable and reasonable transportation rates and services and adequate transportation facilities for agricultural products and farm supplies by making complaint or petition to the Surface Transportation Board, the Federal Maritime Commission, or other Federal or State transportation regulatory body, or the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to rates, charges, tariffs, practices, and services, or by working directly with individual carriers or groups of carriers.

(k) Collection and dissemination of marketing statistics

To collect, tabulate, and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products, including, but not restricted to statistics on market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality, and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of such products, and shipments and unloads thereof.

(l) Development of procurement standards and specifications

To develop and promulgate, for the use and at the request of any Federal agency or State, procurement standards and specifications for agricultural products, and submit such standards and specifications to such agency or State for use or adoption for procurement purposes.

(m) Promotion of research for handling, storing, preserving, etc.

To conduct, assist, encourage, and promote research, investigation, and experimentation to determine the most efficient and practical means, methods, and processes for the handling, storing, preserving, protecting, processing, and distributing of agricultural commodities to the end that such commodities may be marketed in an orderly manner and to the best interest of the producers thereof.

(n) Grading program

To establish within the Department of Agriculture a voluntary fee based grading program for—

- (1) all fish of the order Siluriformes; and
- (2) any additional species of farm-raised fish or farm-raised shellfish—

(A) for which the Secretary receives a petition requesting such voluntary fee based grading; and

(B) that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(o) General research, services, and activities

To conduct such other research and services and to perform such other activities as will facilitate the marketing, distribution, processing, and utilization of agricultural products through commercial channels.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 203, 60 Stat. 1087; Aug. 9, 1955, ch. 632, § 1, 69 Stat. 553; Pub. L. 95-113, title II, § 206, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 920; Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(2), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 153; Pub. L. 98-403, § 2, Aug. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1480; Pub. L. 98-443, § 9(j), Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1708; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(a) [title VII, § 755(a)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-34; Pub. L. 106-472, title III, § 303, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2069; Pub. L. 110-234, title X, § 10402(a), title XI, § 11016(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1349, 1368; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title X, § 10402(a), title XI, § 11016(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2110, 2130; Pub. L. 113-79, title VI, § 6202, title XII, § 12106(a)(4), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 856, 981.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (f) and (h)(6), is act Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, 60 Stat. 1082, which enacted this chapter and sections 427h to 427j of this title and amended section 427 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

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

2014—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 113-79, § 6202, substituted “the Surface Transportation Board, the Federal Maritime Commission,” for “the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Maritime Commission,.”

Subsec. (n)(1). Pub. L. 113-79, § 12106(a)(4), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “catfish (as defined by the Secretary under paragraph (2) of section 601(w) of title 21); and”.

2008—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 110-246, § 10402(a), designated the first to sixth sentences of existing provisions as pars. (1), (2)(A), (2)(B), and (3) to (5), respectively, and added par. (6).

Subsecs. (n), (o). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11016(a), added subsec. (n) and redesignated former subsec. (n) as (o).

2000—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-472 inserted subsec. heading, designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted par. heading, and added par. (2).

1998—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 105-277 inserted at end “Shell eggs packed under the voluntary grading program of the Department of Agriculture shall not have been shipped for sale previous to being packed under the program, as determined under a regulation promulgated by the Secretary.”

1984—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 98-403 inserted provisions relating to the credit of certain funds to the trust fund account which incurs the cost of services provided under this subsection, the future availability of those funds, and investment thereof by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Treasury.

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 98-443 struck out “the Civil Aeronautics Board” after “the Maritime Commission,.”

1981—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 97-31 inserted reference to Secretary of Transportation.

1977—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-113 inserted provisions relating to the setting of a standard of quality for ice cream.

1955—Subsec. (h). Act Aug. 9, 1955, inserted sentence to provide penalties for forgery or alteration of inspection certificates, unauthorized use of official grade marks or designations, and false or deceptive reference to United States grade standards or services.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 12106(a)(4) of Pub. L. 113-79 effective as if enacted as part of section 11016(b) of Pub. L. 110-246, see section 12106(c) of Pub. L. 113-79, set out as a note under section 601 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

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.

Pub. L. 110-234, title X, §10402(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1349, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title X, §10402(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2111, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [June 18, 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.]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-443 effective Jan. 1, 1985, see section 9(v) of Pub. L. 98-443, set out as a note under section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-113 effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as a note under section 1307 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Interstate Commerce Commission abolished and functions of Commission transferred, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 104-88, to Surface Transportation Board effective Jan. 1, 1996, by section 702 of Title 49, Transportation, and section 101 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49. References to Interstate Commerce Commission deemed to refer to Surface Transportation Board, a member or employee of the Board, or Secretary of Transportation, as appropriate, see section 205 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of Title 49.

Section 304 of 1961 Reorg. Plan No. 7, eff. Aug. 12, 1961, 26 F.R. 7315, 75 Stat. 840, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, abolished Federal Maritime Board, including offices of members of Board. Functions of Board transferred either to Federal Maritime Commission or to Secretary of Commerce by sections 103 and 202 of 1961 Reorg. Plan No. 7.

United States Maritime Commission abolished by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 21, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3178, 64 Stat. 1273, set out in the Appendix of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, which transferred part of its functions and part of functions of its Chairman to Federal Maritime Board and Chairman thereof, such Board having created by that Plan as an agency within Department of Commerce with an independent status in some respects, and transferred remainder of such Commission's functions and functions of its Chairman to Secretary of Commerce, with power vested in Secretary to authorize their performance by Maritime Administrator, head of Maritime Administration, which likewise was established by Plan in Department of Commerce with provision that chairman of said Federal Maritime Board should, ex officio, be such Administrator.

Executive and administrative functions of Maritime Commission transferred to Chairman of Maritime Commission by 1949 Reorg. Plan No. 6, eff. Aug. 20, 1949, 14 F.R. 5228, 63 Stat. 1069, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT; INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION; FEE

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title VII, §729], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-33, provided that: "Hereafter, none of the funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act may be used to:

"(1) carry out the proviso under 7 U.S.C. 1622(f); or
 "(2) carry out 7 U.S.C. 1622(h) unless the Secretary of Agriculture inspects and certifies agricultural processing equipment, and imposes a fee for the inspection and certification, in a manner that is similar to the inspection and certification of agricultural products under that section, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That this provision shall not affect the authority of the Secretary to carry out the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), or the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.)."

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §734, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1165.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §747], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-32, as amended by Pub. L. 106-31, title V, §5001(c), May 21, 1999, 113 Stat. 109.

COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON PRICES RECEIVED FOR BULK CHEESE

Pub. L. 105-18, title II, §1001, June 12, 1997, 111 Stat. 172, provided that not later than 30 days after June 12, 1997, Secretary of Agriculture was to collect and disseminate, on weekly basis, statistically reliable information, obtained from cheese manufacturing areas in United States, on prices received and terms of trade involving bulk cheese, including information on national average price for bulk cheese sold through spot and forward contract transactions, and further provided for confidentiality of information provided to, or acquired by, Secretary, report to Congress not later than 150 days after June 12, 1997, on rate of reporting compliance by cheese manufacturers with respect to information collected, and for termination of authority to collect information on Apr. 5, 1999.

LAMB PRICE AND SUPPLY REPORTING SERVICES REPORT AND SYSTEM

Pub. L. 102-237, title I, §124, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1844, provided that:

"(a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 13, 1991], the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on measures that are necessary to improve the lamb price and supply reporting services of the Department of Agriculture, including recommendations to establish a complete information gathering system that reflects the market structure of the national lamb industry. In preparing the report, the Secretary shall examine measures to improve information on—

"(1) price reporting series of wholesale, retail, box, carcass, pelt, offal, and live lamb sales in the United States, including markets in—

"(A) California (including San Francisco);

"(B) the East Coast region (including Washington, D.C.);

"(C) the Midwest region (including Chicago, Illinois);

"(D) Texas;

"(E) the Rocky Mountain region; and

"(F) Florida;

"(2) sheep and lamb inventories, including on-feed reports;

"(3) the price and supply relationships between retailers and breakers;

"(4) the viability of voluntary or mandatory reporting for sheep prices; and

"(5) information on the import and export of sheep, analyzed by cut, carcass, box, breeder stock, and sex.

"(b) PRICE DISCOVERY AND REPORTING SYSTEM.—

"(1) SYSTEM REQUIRED.—Based on the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

"(A) develop a price discovery system formula for the lamb market, such as carcass equivalent pricing; and

“(B) establish a price discovery and reporting system for the lamb market to assist lamb producers to better allocate their resources and make informed production and marketing decisions.

“(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The price discovery and reporting system for the lamb market shall be implemented by the Secretary not later than 180 days after the date of the submission of the report.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to develop and establish the system required under this subsection.

“(c) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report required under subsection (a) and establishing the price discovery and reporting system required under subsection (b), the Secretary shall consult with lamb producers and other persons in the national lamb industry.”

RESEARCH TO INVESTIGATE EXTENT TO WHICH GRADE STANDARDS GOVERNING COSMETIC APPEARANCE AFFECT PESTICIDE USE IN PRODUCTION OF PERISHABLE COMMODITIES; ADVISORY COMMITTEE; REPORT

Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, subtitle C, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3566, as amended by Pub. L. 102-237, title I, § 114(a)(3), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1838, provided that:

“SEC. 1351. DEFINITION.

“As used in this subtitle, the term ‘cosmetic appearance’ means the exterior appearance of an agricultural commodity, including changes to that appearance resulting from superficial damage or other alteration that do not significantly affect yield, taste, or nutritional value.

“SEC. 1352. RESEARCH.

“(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct research to examine the effects, to the extent listed in subsection (b), of grade standards and other regulations, as developed and promulgated pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.), and other statutes governing cosmetic appearance.

“(b) SCOPE OF RESEARCH.—The primary goal of this research is to investigate the extent to which grade standards and other regulations governing cosmetic appearance affect pesticide use in the production of perishable commodities. The research shall also—

“(1) determine pesticide application levels for United States perishable commodity production and assess trends, and factors influencing those trends, of pesticide application levels since 1975;

“(2) determine the extent to which Federal grade standards and other regulations affect pesticide use in agriculture for cosmetic appearance;

“(3) determine the effect of reducing emphasis on cosmetic appearance in grade standards and other regulations on—

“(A) the application and availability of pesticides in agriculture;

“(B) the adoption of agricultural practices that result in reduced pesticide use;

“(C) production and marketing costs;

“(D) domestic and international markets and trade for perishable commodities;

“(4) determine the extent to which grade standards and other regulations reflect consumer preferences;

“(5) develop options for implementation of food marketing policies and practices that will remove obstacles that may exist to pesticide use reduction, based on the findings of research conducted under this section.

“(c) FIELD RESEARCH.—

“(1) LENGTH OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall implement, not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1990], a minimum of three, 2-year market research projects, in at least three States, to demonstrate and evaluate the feasibility of consumer education and information programs.

“(2) SCOPE OF FIELD RESEARCH.—Research under paragraph (1) shall be conducted to evaluate programs designed to—

“(A) offer consumers choices among perishable commodities produced with different production practices;

“(B) provide consumers with information about agricultural practices used in the production of perishable commodities; or

“(C) educate the public about the relationship, as determined in the research conducted under this subtitle, between the cosmetic appearance of perishable commodities and pesticide use.

“(d) DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall disseminate to concerned parties the results obtained from prior scientifically valid research concerning Federal marketing policies and practices described in this section to avoid any duplication of effort and to ensure that current knowledge concerning such policies and practices is enhanced.

“(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish an advisory committee for the purpose of providing ongoing review of the implementation of the requirements in this section and providing the Secretary of Agriculture with recommendations regarding the implementation of those requirements.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Committee shall consist of 12 members comprised of three representatives from not-for-profit consumer organizations, three representatives from not-for-profit environmental organizations, three representatives from production agriculture and the perishable commodity grower and shipper community, and three representatives from the food retailing sector, each with experience in the policy issues discussed in this section.

“(f) REPORT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall report to Congress on the research conducted under this section no later than September 30, 1992. The Secretary shall report on the research conducted under subsection (c) no later than September 30, 1993.

“SEC. 1353. CHANGES IN PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS.

“With regard to Federal grade standards developed and promulgated pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture shall:

“(1) Take into account the impact of those standards on the ability of perishable commodity growers to reduce the use of pesticides.

“(2) Provide for citizens outside of the perishable commodity industry fair and reasonable opportunity to formally petition a change in grade standards.

“(3) Provide for a comment period after a formal petition to change grade standards has been made to enable all interested parties to submit information. The Secretary of Agriculture shall evaluate the information and consider it in the revision process.

“(4) Provide interested parties with annual status reports during the period 1992 through 1994, updated upon request, on all pending grade standard changes the Department of Agriculture is considering.

“SEC. 1354. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the activities required under this subtitle, \$4,000,000 for each fiscal year.”

§ 1622a. Authority to assist farmers and elevator operators

The Secretary may provide technical assistance (including information on such financial assistance as may be available) to grain producers and elevator operators to assist such producers and operators in installing or improving grain cleaning, drying or storage equipment.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XX, § 2014, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3933.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Grain Quality Incentives Act of 1990, and also as part of the Food, Agri-