

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

**§ 1638b. Enforcement****(a) Warnings**

If the Secretary determines that a retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer is in violation of section 1638a of this title, the Secretary shall—

(1) notify the retailer<sup>1</sup> of the determination of the Secretary; and

(2) provide the retailer<sup>1</sup> a 30-day period, beginning on the date on which the retailer<sup>1</sup> receives the notice under paragraph (1) from the Secretary, during which the retailer<sup>1</sup> may take necessary steps to comply with section 1638a of this title.

**(b) Fines**

If, on completion of the 30-day period described in subsection (a)(2), the Secretary determines that the retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer has—

(1) not made a good faith effort to comply with section 1638a of this title, and

(2) continues to willfully violate section 1638a of this title with respect to the violation about which the retailer or person received notification under subsection (a)(1),

after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Secretary with respect to the violation, the Secretary may fine the retailer or person in an amount of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §283, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, §11002(3), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1354; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XI, §11002(3), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2116.)

## 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 L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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—Pub. L. 110-246, §11002(3), redesignated subsec. (b) as (a) and substituted “retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer” for “retailer” in introductory provisions, added subsec. (b), and struck out former subsecs. (a) and (c) which related to applicability of section 1636b of this title to a violation of this subchapter and fine for violation of section 1638a of this title. The substitution in subsec. (a) was made for “retailer” the first time appearing to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

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<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “retailer or person”.

**§ 1638c. Regulations****(a) Guidelines**

Not later than September 30, 2002, the Secretary shall issue guidelines for the voluntary country of origin labeling of covered commodities based on the requirements of section 1638a of this title.

**(b) Regulations**

Not later than September 30, 2004, the Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this subchapter.

**(c) Partnerships with States**

In promulgating the regulations, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, enter into partnerships with States with enforcement infrastructure to assist in the administration of this subchapter.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §284, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535.)

**§ 1638d. Applicability**

This subchapter shall apply to the retail sale of a covered commodity beginning September 30, 2008, except for “farm-raised fish” and “wild fish” which shall be September 30, 2004.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §285, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §749, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §792, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2164.)

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2005—Pub. L. 109-97 substituted “2008” for “2006”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-199 substituted “2006, except for ‘farm-raised fish’ and ‘wild fish’ which shall be September 30, 2004” for “2004”.

**CHAPTER 39—STABILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT MARKET**

Sec.

1641. Availability of wheat for export; utilization of funds and facilities; prices; authorization of appropriations.
1642. Enforcement by President.

**§ 1641. Availability of wheat for export; utilization of funds and facilities; prices; authorization of appropriations**

The President is authorized, acting through the Commodity Credit Corporation, to make available or cause to be made available, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, such quantities of wheat and wheat-flour and at such prices as are necessary to exercise the rights, obtain the benefits, and fulfill the obligations of the United States under the International Wheat Agreement of 1949 signed by Australia, Canada, France, the United States, Uruguay, and certain wheat importing countries, along with the agreements signed by the United States and certain other countries revising and renewing such agreement of 1949 for periods through July 31, 1965 (hereinafter collectively called the “International Wheat Agreement”). Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preclude the Secretary of Agriculture, in carrying out programs to encourage the ex-

portation of agricultural commodities and products thereof pursuant to section 612c of this title, from utilizing funds available for such programs in such manner as, either separately or jointly with the Commodity Credit Corporation, to exercise the rights, obtain the benefits, and fulfill all or any part of the obligations of the United States under the International Wheat Agreement or to preclude the Commodity Credit Corporation in otherwise carrying out wheat and wheat-flour export programs as authorized by law. Nothing contained in this chapter shall limit the duty of the Commodity Credit Corporation to the maximum extent practicable consistent with the fulfillment of the Corporation's purposes and the effective and efficient conduct of its business to utilize the usual and customary channels, facilities, and arrangements of trade and commerce in making available or causing to be made available wheat and wheat-flour under this chapter. The pricing provisions of section 1510(e)<sup>1</sup> of title 22 and section 713a-9 of title 15, shall not be applicable to domestic wheat and wheat-flour supplied to countries which are parties to the International Wheat Agreement and credited to their guaranteed purchases thereunder on and after August 1, 1949, and up to and including June 30, 1950. Where prices in excess of the International Wheat Agreement prices have been paid for such wheat and wheat-flour financed by the Economic Cooperation Administration on or after August 1, 1949, and up to and including June 30, 1950, the Secretary of Agriculture or Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized to reimburse the Economic Cooperation Administration for such excess amounts. Funds realized from such reimbursement shall revert to the respective appropriation or appropriations from which funds were expended for the procurement of such wheat and wheat-flour. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to make payments to the Commodity Credit Corporation of its estimated or actual net costs of carrying out its functions hereunder. Such net costs in connection with the International Wheat Agreement, 1959, shall include those with respect to all transactions which qualify as commercial purchases (as defined in such agreement) from the United States by importing member countries. Such net costs in connection with the International Wheat Agreement, 1962, shall include those with respect to all transactions which qualify as commercial purchases (as defined in such agreement) from the United States by member and provisional member importing countries, including transactions entered into prior to the deposit of instruments of acceptance or accession by any of the countries involved, if the loading period is not earlier than the date the agreement enters into force. The Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized in carrying out its functions under this chapter to utilize, in advance of such appropriations or payments, any assets available to it.

(Oct. 27, 1949, ch. 772, § 2, 63 Stat. 945; Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 306, § 1, 67 Stat. 358; Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 911, § 1, 70 Stat. 966; Pub. L. 86-336, Sept. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 600; Pub. L. 87-632, Sept. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 434.)

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1510 of title 22, referred to in text, was repealed by act Aug. 26, 1954, ch. 937, title V, § 542(a), 68 Stat. 861.

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1962—Pub. L. 87-632 extended authority of President to act under wheat agreements revising and renewing the Agreement of 1949 for periods through July 31, 1965, included within the net costs connected with the International Wheat Agreement of 1962, those with respect to commercial purchases from the United States by member and provisional member importing countries, including transactions entered into prior to deposit of instruments of acceptance or accession, if the loading period is not earlier than the date the agreement enters force.

1959—Pub. L. 86-336 authorized this chapter to be used to implement the 1959 agreement and provided that net costs in connection with the 1959 agreement include those with respect to all transactions which qualify as commercial purchases from the United States by importing member countries.

1956—Act Aug. 3, 1956, permitted this chapter to be used to implement the new agreement ratified on July 11, 1956.

1953—Act Aug. 1, 1953, permitted this chapter to be used to implement the new agreement ratified on July 14, 1953.

#### SHORT TITLE

Act Oct. 27, 1949, ch. 772, § 1, 63 Stat. 945, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter] shall be known as the 'International Wheat Agreement Act of 1949'."

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Economic Cooperation Administration abolished by act Oct. 10, 1951, ch. 479, 65 Stat. 373. Its functions are exercised by Agency for International Development. See section 2381 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

#### EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Corporations of Department of Agriculture, boards of directors and officers of such corporations; Advisory Board of Commodity Credit Corporation; and Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer, or entity of, under, or subject to supervision of said Administration excepted from functions of officers, agencies, and employees transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, effective June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

#### REFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT OF 1949

Act Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 911, § 2, 70 Stat. 966, provided that: "Reference in any law to the International Wheat Agreement of 1949 shall be deemed to include the Agreement (International Wheat Agreement, 1956) revising and renewing the International Wheat Agreement for a period ending July 31, 1959."

Act Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 306, § 2, 67 Stat. 358, provided that: "Reference in any law to the International Wheat Agreement of 1949 shall be deemed to include the agreement revising and renewing the International Wheat Agreement."

### § 1642. Enforcement by President

#### (a) Rules or regulations

The President is further authorized to take such other action, including prohibiting or restricting the importation or exportation of wheat or wheat-flour and to issue such rules or regulations which shall have the force and effect of law, as may be necessary in his judgment in