

Foreign Service shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(b) Office space, equipment, and administrative and clerical services**

The Secretary of State is authorized upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture to provide office space, equipment, facilities, and such other administrative and clerical services as may be required for the personnel affected by this subchapter. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to reimburse or advance funds to the Secretary of State for such services.

**(c) Agency services, personnel, and facilities**

Upon the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, each Federal agency may make its services, personnel, and facilities available to officers and employees appointed and assigned to a post abroad under this subchapter in the performance of the functions of such officers and employees. The Secretary of Agriculture may reimburse or advance funds to any such agency for services, personnel, and facilities so made available.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, § 604, 68 Stat. 909; Pub. L. 95-501, title III, § 301(4), (6), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 95-501, § 301(4), substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-501, § 301(6), added subsec. (c).

**§ 1765. Foreign service appropriations; applicability**

Provisions in annual appropriation Acts of the Department of State facilitating the work of the Foreign Service of the United States shall be applicable under rules and regulations prescribed by the President or his designee to activities pursuant to this subchapter.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, § 605, 68 Stat. 909; Pub. L. 95-501, title III, § 301(4), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-501 substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

SUBCHAPTER II—UNITED STATES  
AGRICULTURAL TRADE OFFICES

**§ 1765a. Agricultural Trade Offices**

**(a) Establishment**

For the purpose of developing, maintaining, and expanding international markets for United States agricultural commodities, the Secretary of Agriculture, after consultation with the Secretary of State, shall establish not less than six nor more than twenty-five United States Agricultural Trade Offices in other nations.

**(b) Administration**

each<sup>1</sup> United States Agricultural Trade Office shall be directed and administered by an Agricultural Trade Officer who by reason of training, experience, and attainments is qualified to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Such Officer

shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(c) Appointment and compensation of officers**

Each Agricultural Trade Officer may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5 relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that no Agricultural Trade Officer (1) may be paid basic pay at a rate in excess of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable for GS-17 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such title, or (2) may be paid at a rate in excess of the highest rate paid to an Agricultural Counselor or Attaché, as the case may be, who is appointed under subchapter I of this chapter to the nation in which such Officer is to serve.

**(d) Transmittal of information**

Each Agricultural Trade Officer shall, through the Agricultural Counselor or Attaché or other senior representative of the Secretary of Agriculture in each nation in which the United States Agricultural Trade Office administered by such Officer exercises its functions, keep the Chief of the United States diplomatic mission fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of such Office.

**(e) Office functions and activities**

Each Agricultural Trade Officer shall be responsible for the exercise of the functions of the United States Agricultural Trade Office, and shall have the authority to direct and supervise all personnel and activities thereof.

**(f) Personnel; employment of local nationals**

To carry out the functions of United States Agricultural Trade Offices, the Secretary of Agriculture may appoint such other personnel as the Secretary determines to be necessary and may, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, assign such personnel abroad and employ local nationals for necessary professional and clerical help.

**(g) Conflicts of interest**

No employee of any United States Agricultural Trade Office may engage in any business, vocation, or other employment, or have other interests, that are inconsistent with official responsibilities.

**(h) Diplomatic privileges and immunities**

Upon the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of State shall request for Agricultural Trade Officers and personnel of United States Agricultural Trade Offices diplomatic privileges and immunities equivalent to those enjoyed by members of the Foreign Service of comparable rank and salary.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, § 605A, as added Pub. L. 95-501, title IV, § 401(1), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688; amended Pub. L. 96-465, title II, § 2206(b)(1), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2162.)

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 96-465 substituted “members of the Foreign Service” for “Foreign Service Personnel”.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be capitalized.