

loans, and periodic review (as determined necessary by the Secretary) of guaranteed loans, made under this chapter to assess the progress of a borrower in meeting the goals for the farm or ranch operation.

(2) Contracts

The Secretary may contract with an entity that is eligible to provide borrower training under section 2006a(b) of this title to conduct loan reviews under paragraph (1).

(3) Problem assessments

If a borrower is delinquent in payments on a direct or guaranteed loan made under this chapter, the Secretary or the contracting entity shall determine the cause of, and action necessary to correct, the delinquency.

(e) Guidelines

The Secretary shall issue regulations providing guidelines for loan assessments conducted under this section.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §360, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1819, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3830; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title V, §§5317, 5318, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 348.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b)(5), and (d)(1), (3), see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171, §5317, substituted “The Secretary” for “After an applicant is determined eligible for assistance under this chapter by the appropriate county committee established pursuant to section 1982 of this title, the Secretary”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 107-171, §5318, substituted “annual review” for “biannual review”.

§ 2006c. Supervised credit

The Secretary shall provide adequate training to employees of the Farmers Home Administration on credit analysis and financial and farm management to—

(1) better acquaint the employees with what constitutes adequate financial data on which to base a direct or guaranteed loan approval decision; and

(2) ensure proper supervision of farmer program loans.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §361, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1820, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3830.)

§ 2006d. Market placement

The Secretary shall establish a market placement program for qualified beginning farmers and ranchers and other borrowers of farmer program loans that the Secretary believes have a reasonable chance of qualifying for commercial credit with a guarantee provided under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §362, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1821, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3831.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

§ 2006e. Prohibition on use of loans for certain purposes

The Secretary shall not approve any loan under this chapter to drain, dredge, fill, level, or otherwise manipulate a wetland (as defined in section 3801(a)(16)¹ of title 16), or to engage in any activity that results in impairing or reducing the flow, circulation, or reach of water, except in the case of activity related to the maintenance of previously converted wetlands, or in the case of such activity that is already commenced before November 28, 1990. This section shall not apply to a loan made or guaranteed under this chapter for a utility line.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §363, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1824, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3831; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title V, §501(i), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1868; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §751, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1129.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

Section 3801(a) of title 16, referred to in text, was subsequently amended, and section 3801(a)(16) no longer defines the term “wetland”. However, such term is defined elsewhere in that section.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 inserted at end “This section shall not apply to a loan made or guaranteed under this chapter for a utility line.”

1991—Pub. L. 102-237 inserted a closing parenthesis after “3801(a)(16) of title 16” and substituted “before November 28, 1990” for “prior to the date of enactment of this section”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-237 effective as if included in the provision of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, to which the amendment relates, see section 1101(b)(3) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as a note under section 1421 of this title.

§ 2006f. Rural development certified lenders program

(a) Certified lenders program

(1) In general

The Secretary may establish a program under which the Secretary may guarantee a loan for any rural development program that is made by a lender certified by the Secretary.

(2) Certification requirements

The Secretary may certify a lender if the lender meets such criteria as the Secretary may prescribe in regulations, including the ability of the lender to properly make, service, and liquidate the guaranteed loans of the lender.

(3) Condition of certification

As a condition of certification, the Secretary may require the lender to undertake to service the guaranteed loan using standards that are not less stringent than generally accepted banking standards concerning loan servicing that are used by prudent commercial or cooperative lenders.

(4) Guarantee

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may guarantee not more than 80

¹ See References in Text note below.