

1980—Pub. L. 96-539 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations for period beginning Oct. 1, 1979, and ending Sept. 30, 1980, and for period beginning Oct. 1, 1980, and ending Sept. 30, 1981.

1978—Pub. L. 95-396, §25, substituted appropriations authorization of \$46,636,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1977, for prior authorization of \$23,600,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and ending Mar. 31, 1977, and authorized appropriations of \$54,500,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1977, and ending Sept. 30, 1978, and such sums as may be necessary, limited to \$70,000,000, for period beginning Oct. 1, 1978, and ending Sept. 30, 1979.

1975—Pub. L. 94-140 authorized appropriation of \$47,868,000 to carry out provisions of this subchapter for period beginning Oct. 1, 1975, and ending Sept. 30, 1976, and \$23,600,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and ending Mar. 31, 1977.

Pub. L. 94-109 inserted provisions authorizing appropriation of \$5,983,500 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1975 and ending Nov. 15, 1975.

Pub. L. 94-51 authorized appropriation of \$11,967,000 to carry out provisions of this subchapter for period beginning July 1, 1975, and ending Sept. 30, 1975.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-532, title VII, §701, Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2679, provided that amendment made by Pub. L. 100-532 is effective Oct. 1, 1988.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date of section, see section 4 of Pub. L. 92-516, set out as a note under section 136 of this title.

### CHAPTER 6A—NATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

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#### § 138. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

##### (1) Agricultural product

The term “agricultural product” means any fresh fruit or vegetable or any commodity or product derived from livestock or fowl, that is marketed in the United States for human consumption.

##### (2) Certificate

The term “certificate” means a certificate of accreditation issued under this chapter.

##### (3) Laboratory

The term “laboratory” means any facility or vehicle that is owned by an individual or a public or private entity and is equipped and operated for the purpose of carrying out pesticide residue analysis on agricultural products for commercial purposes.

##### (4) Pesticide

The term “pesticide” means any substance that alone, in chemical combination, or in any formulation with one or more substances, is defined as a pesticide in section 136(u) of this title.

##### (5) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1321, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3562.)

#### § 138a. National Laboratory Accreditation Program

##### (a) Establishment of Program

The Secretary shall administer a National Laboratory Accreditation Program under which laboratories that request accreditation and conduct residue testing of agricultural products, or that make claims to the public or buyers of agricultural products concerning chemical residue levels on agricultural products, shall be determined to meet certain minimum quality and reliability standards.

##### (b) Standards

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Secretary and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish, through regulations, standards for the National Laboratory Accreditation program<sup>1</sup> that shall include—

- (1) standards applicable to laboratories;
- (2) qualifications for directors and other personnel; and
- (3) standards and procedures for quality assurance programs.

##### (c) Accrediting bodies

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall approve State agencies or private, non-profit entities as accrediting bodies to act on behalf of such Secretary in implementing the certification and quality assurance programs in accordance with the requirements of this section. In making such approvals the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

- (1) oversee and review the performance of any accrediting body acting on behalf of the Secretary to ensure that such accrediting body is in compliance with the requirements of the certification program under this section; and

- (2) have the right to obtain from an accrediting body acting on behalf of the Secretary and from any laboratory that may be certified by such a body all records and materials that may be necessary for the oversight and review required by paragraph (1).

##### (d) Requirements

To be accredited under this chapter, a laboratory shall—

- (1) prepare and submit an application for accreditation to the Secretary; and
- (2) comply with such terms and conditions as are determined necessary by the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

##### (e) Exceptions

This chapter shall not apply to—

- (1) a laboratory operated by a government agency;
- (2) a laboratory operated by a corporation that only performs analysis of residues on ag-

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