

3686; amended Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §250, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 971; Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3001(b)(1)(A), (2)(K), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1820.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Food for Peace Act, referred to in par. (4), is act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, 68 Stat. 454, which is classified generally to chapter 41 (§1691 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1691 of this title and Tables.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (4). Pub. L. 110-246 substituted “Food for Peace Act” for “Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “Duties” for “Establishment” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Service shall assist the Secretary in carrying out the agricultural trade policy of the United States by acquiring information pertaining to agricultural trade, carrying out market promotion and development activities, and implementing the programs authorized in this chapter, the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, and other Acts.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, see section 4(b) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

## STUDY ON FEE FOR SERVICES

Pub. L. 107-171, title III, §3208, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 302, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [May 13, 2002], the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on International Relations [now Committee on Foreign Affairs], of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry of the Senate a report on the feasibility of instituting a program under which the Secretary would charge and retain a fee to cover the costs incurred by the Department of Agriculture, acting through the Foreign Agricultural Service or any successor agency, in providing persons with commercial services provided outside the United States.

“(b) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.—The purpose of a program described in subsection (a) would be to supplement and not replace any services currently offered overseas by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

“(c) MARKET DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.—A program under subsection (b) would be part of an overall market development strategy for a particular country or region.

“(d) PILOT PROGRAM.—A program under subsection (a) would be established on a pilot basis to ensure that the program does not disadvantage small- and medium-sized companies, including companies that have never engaged in exporting.”

**§ 5694. Staff of Foreign Agricultural Service****(a) Personnel of Service**

To ensure that the agricultural export programs of the United States are carried out in an effective manner, the authorized number of personnel for the Service shall not be less than 900 staff years each fiscal year.

**(b) Rank of Foreign Agricultural Service officers in foreign missions**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of State shall, on the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, accord the diplo-

matic title of Minister-Counselor to the senior Service officer assigned to any United States mission abroad. The number of Service officers holding such diplomatic title at any time may not exceed twelve.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §504, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3686.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in subsec. (b) of this section appear in the following appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 101-506, title IV, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1343.

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(k) [title IV, §401], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-322, 1329-350.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND EVALUATION OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE OFFICERS

Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1556, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3698, as amended by Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §281(b), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 980, provided that:

“(a) ASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE.—The Foreign Agricultural Service shall revise its evaluation reports for its Foreign Service officers so as to require in a separate entry an assessment of the officer’s effectiveness in using, in his or her work, a foreign language or foreign languages tested at the General Professional Speaking Proficiency level or above, in cases where the supervisor is capable of making such an assessment.

“(b) PRECEDENCE IN PROMOTION.—The Director of Personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service shall instruct promotion panels to take account of language ability and, all criteria for promotion otherwise being equal, to give precedence in promotions to officers who have achieved at least the General Professional Speaking Proficiency level in 1 or more foreign languages over officers who lack that level of proficiency.”

**§ 5695. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Service such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §505, formerly §506, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3687; renumbered §505, Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §314, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856.)

## SUBCHAPTER VI—REPORTS

**§ 5711. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title II, § 241(c)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 964**

Section, Pub. L. 95-501, title VI, §601, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3687; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §315, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856, required Secretary to periodically prepare long-term agricultural trade strategy reports.

**§ 5712. Export reporting and contract sanctity****(a) Export sales reports****(1) In general**

All exporters of wheat and wheat flour, feed grains, oil seeds, cotton, pork, beef, and products thereof, and other commodities that the Secretary may designate produced in the United States shall report to the Secretary of Agriculture, on a weekly basis, the following information regarding any contract for export sales entered into or subsequently modified in any manner during the reporting period: