

in paragraph (1) can take effect, the Secretary shall submit to the agriculture committees and subcommittees a report that—

- (A) includes the results of the proposal under this section; and
- (B) provides a notice of the reorganization plan.

**(4) Implementation**

Not later than 1 year after the date of the submission of the report under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall implement a reorganization of international trade functions for imports and exports of the Department of Agriculture, including the establishment of an Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

**(c) Confirmation required**

The position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs established under subsection (b)(2)(A) shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 113–79, title III, §3208, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 781.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agricultural Act of 2014, and not as part of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, which in part comprises this chapter.

DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 9001 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER III—RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**§ 6941. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development**

**(a) Authorization**

The Secretary is authorized to establish in the Department the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

**(b) Confirmation required**

If the Secretary establishes the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development authorized under subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(c) Functions of Under Secretary**

**(1) Principal functions**

Upon establishment, the Secretary shall delegate to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development those functions under the jurisdiction of the Department that are related to rural economic and community development.

**(2) Additional functions**

The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall perform such other functions as may be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary.

**(d) Succession**

Any official who is serving as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Small Community and Rural

Development on October 13, 1994, and who was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall not be required to be reappointed under subsection (b) to the successor position authorized under subsection (a) if the Secretary establishes the position, and the official occupies the new position, within 180 days after October 13, 1994 (or such later date set by the Secretary if litigation delays rapid succession).

**(e) Loan approval authority**

Approval authority for loans and loan guarantees in connection with the electric and telephone loan and loan guarantee programs authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) shall not be transferred to, or conditioned on review of, a State director or other employee whose primary duty is not the review and approval of such loans or the provision of assistance to such borrowers.

(Pub. L. 103–354, title II, §231, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3218; Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, §794(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1155.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, referred to in subsec. (e), is act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, 49 Stat. 1363, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 31 (§901 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 901 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 231 of Pub. L. 103–354. Subsec. (f) of section 231 of Pub. L. 103–354 amended section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and repealed sections 2006f and 2211b of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–127 struck out “Economic and Community” after “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural”, wherever appearing in section catchline and subsecs. (a) to (c).

**§ 6941a. Coordinator for Chronically Underserved Rural Areas**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a Coordinator for Chronically Underserved Rural Areas (in this section referred to as the “Coordinator”), to be located in the Rural Development Mission Area.

**(b) Mission**

The mission of the Coordinator shall be to direct Department of Agriculture resources to high need, high poverty rural areas.

**(c) Duties**

The Coordinator shall consult with other offices in directing technical assistance, strategic regional planning, at the State and local level, for developing rural economic development that leverages the resources of State and local governments and non-profit and community development organizations.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as necessary to carry out this section for fiscal years 2008 through 2012.