

terms specified in this chapter and upon such other terms not inconsistent therewith and upon such security as the administration deems necessary.

(d) No loan or insurance agreement shall be made by the administration if in its judgment the agreement is likely to increase unduly the production of any agricultural commodity of which there is commonly produced a surplus in excess of the annual marketing requirements.

(June 15, 1929, ch. 24, § 8, 46 Stat. 14; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933; June 16, 1933, ch. 98, title V, § 54, 48 Stat. 266; June 3, 1935, ch. 164, § 11, 49 Stat. 316; Aug. 19, 1937, ch. 704, § 5(a), 50 Stat. 704; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 785, title I, § 109, 69 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 89-525, § 4(b), Aug. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 334.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 528 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### AMENDMENTS

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-525 repealed subsec. (a) which provided that loans to cooperative associations made by any bank for cooperatives shall bear such rates of interest as the board of directors of the bank shall from time to time determine with the approval of the Farm Credit Administration, but in no case shall the rate of interest exceed 6 per centum per annum on the unpaid principal of a loan. See section 2122 of this title.

1955—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 11, 1955, provided that boards of directors for banks would prescribe interest rates on loans in place of requirements relating interest rates on loans made by banks for cooperatives to interest rates charged by Federal intermediate credit banks and Federal land banks.

1937—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 19, 1937, substituted "farm credit district" for "land bank district".

1935—Subsec. (a). Act June 3, 1935, among other changes, inserted proviso.

1933—Subsec. (a). Act June 16, 1933, among other changes, modified interest rates.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

"Administration" substituted in text for "board" pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1955 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 11, 1955, effective on first day of month next following 120 days after Aug. 11, 1955, see section 112 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under section 1138f of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Establishment of Farm Credit Administration as an independent agency, composition of Farm Credit Administration, appointment of Governor of Farm Credit Administration, and duties thereof, including duty to perform functions, etc., of Farm Credit Administration, see section 2241 et seq. of this title.

#### EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer, or entity of, under, or subject to supervision of said Administration excepted from functions of officers, agencies, and employees transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 2, of 1953, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### § 1141g. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act June 15, 1929, ch. 24, § 9, 46 Stat. 15; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933, provided for the recogni-

tion, upon application of the advisory commodity committee, of stabilization corporations for commodities, and prescribed functions and operations in connection therewith. Ex. Ord. No. 6084 abolished the authority conferred by this section and ordered the Farm Credit Administration to take appropriate steps for winding up the activities of such corporations. The order is set out as a note preceding section 2241 of this title.

### § 1141h. Avoidance of duplication; cooperation with other governmental establishments; obtaining information and data; cooperation with States, Territories, and agencies or subdivisions thereof; indicating research problems; transfer of offices, functions, etc.

(a) The administration shall, in cooperation with any governmental establishment in the Executive branch of the Government, including any field service thereof at home or abroad, avail itself of the services and facilities thereof in order to avoid preventable expense or duplication of effort.

(b) The President may by Executive order direct any such governmental establishment to furnish the administration such information and data as such governmental establishment may have pertaining to the functions of the administration; except that the President shall not direct that the administration be furnished with any information or data supplied by any person in confidence to any governmental establishment in pursuance of any provision of law or of any agreement with a governmental establishment.

(c) The administration may cooperate with any State or Territory, or department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or with any person.

(d) The administration shall, through the governor, indicate to the appropriate bureau or division of the Department of Agriculture any special problem on which a research is needed to aid in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

(e) The President is authorized, by Executive order, to transfer to or retransfer from the jurisdiction and control of the administration the whole or any part of (1) any office, bureau, service, division, commission, or board in the Executive branch of the Government engaged in scientific or extension work, or the furnishing of services, with respect to the marketing of agricultural commodities, (2) its functions pertaining to such work or services, and (3) the records, property, including office equipment, personnel, and unexpended balances of appropriation, pertaining to such work or services.

(June 15, 1929, ch. 24, § 13, 46 Stat. 17; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 533 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

"Administration" substituted in text for "board" pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Establishment of Farm Credit Administration as an independent agency, composition of Farm Credit Ad-

ministration, appointment of Governor of Farm Credit Administration, and duties thereof, including duty to perform functions, etc., of Farm Credit Administration, see section 2241 et seq. of this title.

#### EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer, or entity of, under, or subject to supervision of said Administration excepted from functions of officers, agencies, and employees transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 1141i. Examination of books and accounts

Vouchers approved by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration for expenditures from the revolving fund pursuant to any loan or advance or from insurance moneys pursuant to any insurance agreement, shall be final and conclusive upon all officers of the Government; except that all financial transactions of the administration shall, subject to the above limitations, be examined by the Government Accountability Office at such times and in such manner as the Comptroller General of the United States may by regulation prescribe.

(June 15, 1929, ch. 24, §14, 46 Stat. 18; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933; Aug. 30, 1954, ch. 1076, §1(30), 68 Stat. 968; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 534 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

1954—Act Aug. 30, 1954, repealed former second sentence which required the Comptroller General to make reports to Congress on examinations of Farm Credit Administration transactions under the agricultural marketing revolving fund, in violation of law, together with his recommendations. See chapter 91 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

“Governor of the Farm Credit Administration” and “administration” substituted in text for “chairman of the board” and “board”, respectively, pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Establishment of Farm Credit Administration as an independent agency, composition of Farm Credit Administration, appointment of Governor of Farm Credit Administration, and duties thereof, including duty to perform functions, etc., of Farm Credit Administration, see section 2241 et seq. of this title.

#### EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer, or entity of, under, or subject to supervision of said Administration excepted from functions of officers, agencies, and employees transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### INSURANCE AGREEMENTS

Insurance agreements, referred to in the text, were authorized to be made by section 11 of act June 15, 1929,

which section was repealed by act June 16, 1933, ch. 98, title V, §50(a), 48 Stat. 265. Section 11 authorized the former Federal Farm Board, upon application of cooperative associations, to enter into agreements subject to specified conditions, for the insurance of the associations against loss through price decline in the agricultural commodity handled by the associations and produced by the members thereof.

#### § 1141j. Miscellaneous provisions

##### (a) “Cooperative association” defined

As used in this chapter, the term “cooperative association” means any association in which farmers act together in processing, preparing for market, handling, and/or marketing the farm products of persons so engaged, and also means any association in which farmers act together in purchasing, testing, grading, processing, distributing, and/or furnishing farm supplies and/or farm business services: *Provided, however,* That such associations are operated for the mutual benefit of the members thereof as such producers or purchasers and conform to one or both of the following requirements:

First. That no member of the association is allowed more than one vote because of the amount of stock or membership capital he may own therein; and

Second. That the association does not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of 8 per centum per annum.

And in any case to the following:

Third. That the association shall not deal in farm products, farm supplies, and farm business services with or for nonmembers in an amount greater in value than the total amount of such business transacted by it with or for members. All business transacted by any cooperative association for or on behalf of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall be disregarded in determining the volume of member and nonmember business transacted by such association.

##### (b) Speculation prohibited

It shall be unlawful for the governor, or any officer or employee of the Farm Credit Administration to speculate directly or indirectly, in any agricultural commodity or product thereof, or in contracts relating thereto, or in the stock or membership interests of any association or corporation engaged in handling, processing, or disposing of any such commodity or product. Any person violating this subdivision shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

##### (c) Confidential information; disclosure prohibited

It shall be unlawful (1) for any cooperative association, stabilization corporation, clearing-house association, or commodity committee, or (2) for any director, officer, employee, or member or person acting on behalf of any such association, corporation, or committee, to which or to whom information has been imparted in confidence by the administration, to disclose such information in violation of any regulation of the administration. Any such association, corporation, or committee, or director, officer, employee, or member thereof, violating this sub-