

§ 262p-9. Reform of the “Doing Business” Report of the World Bank

(a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Directors at the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association, and the International Finance Corporation of the following United States policy goals, and to use the voice and vote of the United States to actively promote and work to achieve these goals:

(1) Suspension of the use of the “Employing Workers” Indicator for the purpose of ranking or scoring country performance in the annual Doing Business Report of the World Bank until a set of indicators can be devised that fairly represent the value of internationally recognized workers’ rights, including core labor standards, in creating a stable and favorable environment for attracting private investment. The indicators shall bring to bear the experiences of the member governments in dealing with the economic, social and political complexity of labor market issues. The indicators should be developed through collaborative discussions with and between the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the International Labor Organization, private companies, and labor unions.

(2) Elimination of the “Labor Tax and Social Contributions” Subindicator from the annual Doing Business Report of the World Bank.

(3) Removal of the “Employing Workers” Indicator as a “guidepost” for calculating the annual Country Policy and Institutional Assessment score for each recipient country.

(b) Within 60 days after June 24, 2009, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide an instruction to the United States Executive Directors referred to in subsection (a) to take appropriate actions with respect to implementing the policy goals of the United States set forth in subsection (a), and such instruction shall be posted on the website of the Department of the Treasury.

(Pub. L. 95-118, title XVI, § 1626, as added Pub. L. 111-32, title XI, § 1110, June 24, 2009, 123 Stat. 1902.)

DEFINITIONS

The definitions in section 262p-5 of this title apply to this section.

§ 262p-10. Enhancing the transparency and effectiveness of the Inspection Panel process of the World Bank

(a) Enhancing transparency in implementation of Management Action Plans

The Secretary of the Treasury shall direct the United States Executive Directors at the World Bank to seek to ensure that World Bank Procedure 17.55, which establishes the operating procedures of Management with regard to the Inspection Panel, provides that Management prepare and make available to the public semi-annual progress reports describing implementation of Action Plans considered by the Board; allow and receive comments from Requesters and other Affected Parties for two months after

the date of disclosure of the progress reports; post these comments on World Bank and Inspection Panel websites (after receiving permission from the requestors to post with or without attribution); submit the reports to the Board with any comments received; and make public the substance of any actions taken by the Board after Board consideration of the reports.

(b) Safeguarding the independence and effectiveness of the Inspection Panel

The Secretary of the Treasury shall direct the United States Executive Directors at the World Bank to continue to promote the independence and effectiveness of the Inspection Panel, including by seeking to ensure the availability of, and access by claimants to, the Inspection Panel for projects supported by World Bank resources.

(c) Evaluation of country systems

The Secretary of the Treasury shall direct the United States Executive Directors at the World Bank to request an evaluation by the Independent Evaluation Group on the use of country environmental and social safeguard systems to determine the degree to which, in practice, the use of such systems provides the same level of protection at the project level as do the policies and procedures of the World Bank.

(d) World Bank defined

In this section, the term “World Bank” means the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association.

(Pub. L. 95-118, title XVI, § 1627, as added Pub. L. 111-32, title XI, § 1110, June 24, 2009, 123 Stat. 1902.)

DEFINITIONS

The definitions in section 262p-5 of this title apply to this section.

§ 262p-11. Opposition to loans or funds for countries that support terrorism

The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Director at each of the International Financial Institutions¹ (as defined in section 262r(c)(2) of this title) to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose the provision of loans or other use of the funds of the respective institution to any country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined, for purposes of section 4605(j) of title 50, section 2371 of this title, or section 2780 of this title, to be a government that has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

(Pub. L. 95-118, title XVI (par.), as added Pub. L. 111-32, title XIV, § 1404, June 24, 2009, 123 Stat. 1919.)

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of an undesignated paragraph which was added at the end of title XVI of Pub. L. 95-118.

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Similar provisions are contained in section 262p-4q of this title.

¹ So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.