

(A) the borrower's failure to pay on schedule was due to unusual conditions that the borrower could not control; and

(B) the borrower will reduce the line-of-credit balance to the scheduled level at the end of—

(i) the production cycle; or

(ii) the marketing of the borrower's agricultural products.

(5) Agricultural commodities

A line-of-credit loan may be used to finance the production or marketing of an agricultural commodity that—

(A) is eligible for a price support program of the Department of Agriculture; or

(B) was eligible for a price support program of the Department of Agriculture on the day before April 4, 1996.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §316, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 90-488, §10, Aug. 15, 1968, 82 Stat. 771; Pub. L. 95-334, title I, §117, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 426; Pub. L. 97-35, title I, §160(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 377; Pub. L. 98-258, title VI, §604(b), Apr. 10, 1984, 98 Stat. 139; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1803(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3818; Pub. L. 104-127, title VI, §§614, 661(g), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1089, 1107; Pub. L. 113-79, title V, §5106(b)(3), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 838.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Paragraph (3), referred to in subsec. (a)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-127, title VI, §661(g), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1107.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-79 inserted “a micro-loan to a beginning farmer or rancher or veteran farmer or rancher (as defined in section 2279(e) of this title), or” after “The interest rate on”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 104-127, §661(g), struck out par. (3) which read as follows: “The interest rate on any loan (other than a guaranteed loan) made or insured under clause (5) of section 1942(a) of this title for activities that involve the use of prime farmland as defined in section 1927(a)(6)(C) of this title shall be the interest rate otherwise applicable under this section increased by 2 per centum per annum.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-127, §614, added subsec. (c).

1990—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 101-624 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The interest rate on any loan (other than a guaranteed loan) to a low-income, limited resource borrower under this subchapter shall be the interest rate otherwise applicable under this section reduced by 3 per centum per annum.”

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-258 inserted “(or, in the case of loans for farm operating purposes, fifteen years)” and substituted “Except as otherwise provided for farm loans under section 1981b of this title, the interest rate” for “The interest rate”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-35 redesignated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted reference to loans guaranteed under pars. (2) and (3), and added pars. (2) and (3).

1978—Pub. L. 95-334 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted provisions relating to depositing of charges and provisions relating to interest rates on guaranteed loans, struck out provisions relating to payment and renewal of loans, and added subsec. (b).

1968—Pub. L. 90-488 substituted provisions for determination of interest rate by taking into consideration current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity comparable to the average maturities of the loans, adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of

1 per centum, plus not to exceed 1 per centum per annum as determined by the Secretary, for former prohibition of an interest rate exceeding 5 per centum per annum.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 applicable to loans made after Sept. 30, 1981, see section 160(c) of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 1927 of this title.

§§ 1947, 1948. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title VI, §§ 615, 616(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1090

Section 1947, Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §317, as added Pub. L. 92-419, title I, §123, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 665, related to insured operating loans.

Section 1948, Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §318, as added Pub. L. 102-554, §8, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4146, related to special assistance to certain qualified beginning farmers and ranchers.

§ 1949. Graduation of borrowers with operating loans or guarantees to private commercial credit

The Secretary shall establish a plan, in coordination with activities under sections 2006a, 2006b, 2006c, and 2006d of this title, to encourage each borrower with an outstanding loan under this subchapter or with respect to whom there is an outstanding guarantee under this subchapter to graduate to private commercial or other sources of credit.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §319, as added Pub. L. 102-554, §9, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4150; amended Pub. L. 104-127, title VI, §617, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1090; Pub. L. 113-79, title V, §5107, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 838.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-79 struck out subsec. (a) designation and heading before “The Secretary” and struck out subsec. (b) which related to limitation on period borrowers were eligible for guaranteed assistance under this subchapter and contained transition rule.

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-127 added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which provided for limitation on period for which borrowers were eligible for assistance under this subchapter and contained transition rule.

SUSPENSION OF LIMITATION ON PERIOD FOR WHICH BORROWERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GUARANTEED ASSISTANCE

Pub. L. 107-171, title V, §5102, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 343, as amended by Pub. L. 109-467, §1, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3485; Pub. L. 110-234, title V, §5103, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1146; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title V, §5103, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1908, provided for the suspension of former 7 U.S.C. 1949(b) limitation on period borrowers were eligible for guaranteed assistance, beginning Jan. 1, 2002, and ending Dec. 31, 2010.

SUBCHAPTER III—EMERGENCY LOANS

EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

Pub. L. 95-334, title II, §§201-211, Aug. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 429-433, as amended by Pub. L. 96-220, §1, Mar. 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 129; Pub. L. 97-98, title XVI, §1605, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1346; Pub. L. 98-258, title VI, §603, Apr. 10, 1984, 98 Stat. 139; Pub. L. 99-198, title XIII, §1310(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1523, which authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to insure or guarantee loans to (1) bona fide farmers and ranchers who were primarily and directly engaged in agricultural production and who were citizens of the United States and (2) farm cooperatives and private domestic corporations and partnerships that were primarily and directly engaged in agricul-