

1991—Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 102-237 substituted “Withholdings” for “Withholdings” in heading.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 7511(c)(21) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

#### **§ 5921a. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7411, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1255, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7411, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2017**

Section, Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10802, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 525, related to public information campaign regarding use of biotechnology in producing food for human consumption.

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 repealed this section. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

#### **§ 5922. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10705(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 519**

Section, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1669, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3768, related to Graduate School of Department of Agriculture.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 2002, see section 10705(c) of Pub. L. 107-171, set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendment note under section 2279b of this title.

#### **§ 5923. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7207, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 881**

Section, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1670, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6202, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 419; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7511(c)(22), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1269; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7511(c)(22), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2031, related to rural electronic commerce extension program.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5923, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1670, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3769; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, §407(10), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §834, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1169, authorized establishment of livestock product safety and inspection program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-185, title III, §302(c), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 563.

#### **§ 5924. Agricultural Genome Initiative**

##### **(a) Goals**

The goals of this section are—

(1) to expand the knowledge of public and private sector entities and persons concerning genomes for species of importance to the food and agriculture sectors in order to maximize the return on the investment in genomics of agriculturally important species;

(2) to focus on the species that will yield scientifically important results that will enhance the usefulness of many agriculturally important species;

(3) to build on genomic research, such as the Human Genome Initiative and the Arabidopsis Genome Project, to understand gene structure and function that is expected to have considerable payoffs in agriculturally important species;

(4) to develop improved bioinformatics to enhance both sequence or structure determination and analysis of the biological function of genes and gene products;

(5) to encourage Federal Government participants to maximize the utility of public and private partnerships for agricultural genome research;

(6) to allow resources developed under this section, including data, software, germplasm, and other biological materials, to be openly accessible to all persons, subject to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law; and

(7) to encourage international partnerships with each partner country responsible for financing its own strategy for agricultural genome research.

##### **(b) Duties of Secretary**

The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a research initiative (to be known as the “Agricultural Genome Initiative”) for the purpose of—

(1) studying and mapping agriculturally significant genes to achieve sustainable and secure agricultural production;

(2) ensuring that current gaps in existing agricultural genetics knowledge are filled;

(3) identifying and developing a functional understanding of genes responsible for economically important traits in agriculturally important species, including emerging plant and animal pathogens and diseases causing economic hardship;

(4) ensuring future genetic improvement of agriculturally important species;

(5) supporting preservation of diverse germplasm;

(6) ensuring preservation of biodiversity to maintain access to genes that may be of importance in the future;

(7) reducing the economic impact of plant pathogens on commercially important crop plants; and

(8) otherwise carrying out this section.

##### **(c) Grants and cooperative agreements**

###### **(1) Authority**

The Secretary may make grants or enter into cooperative agreements with individuals and organizations in accordance with section 3318 of this title.

###### **(2) Competitive basis**

A grant or cooperative agreement under this subsection shall be made or entered into on a competitive basis.

###### **(3) Consortia**

The Secretary shall encourage awards under this section to consortia of eligible entities.