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§ 6901. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the necessary authority to streamline and reorganize the Department of Agriculture to achieve greater efficiency, effectiveness, and economies in the organization and management of the programs and activities carried out by the Department.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §202, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 103-354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209, known as the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title note set below and Tables.

SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-222, §1, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 353, provided that: “This Act [enacting subchapter X of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Freedom to E-File Act.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 103-354, §1(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3178, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.’”

Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §201(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209, provided that: “This title [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.’”

§ 6902. Definitions

Except where the context requires otherwise, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) Department

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

(2) National Appeals Division

The term “National Appeals Division” means the National Appeals Division of the Department established under section 6992 of this title.

(3) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(4) Function

The term “function” means an administrative, financial, or regulatory activity of an agency, office, officer, or employee of the Department.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL REORGANIZATION AUTHORITIES

§ 6911. Transfer of Department functions to Secretary of Agriculture

(a) Transfer of functions

Except as provided in subsection (b), there are transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture all functions of all agencies, offices, officers, and employees of the Department that are not already vested in the Secretary on October 13, 1994.

(b) Exceptions

Subsection (a) shall not apply to the following functions:

(1) Functions vested by subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5 in administrative law judges employed by the Department.

(2) Functions vested by the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) in the Inspector General of the Department.

(3) Functions vested by chapter 9 of title 31 in the Chief Financial Officer of the Department.

(4) Functions vested in the corporations of the Department or the boards of directors and officers of such corporations.