

from the owner thereof as a waterfowl resource, or (3) five years after the date on which such adverse finding was filed if such an offer to lease or to purchase such wetland area has not been accepted by the owner thereof: *Provided further*, That upon any change in the ownership of the land with respect to which such adverse finding was filed, the eligibility of such land for such financial or technical assistance shall be redetermined in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §16A, as added Pub. L. 87-732, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 696.)

**§ 590q. Coverage; “State” defined; short title**

(a) This chapter shall apply to the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands, and, as used in this chapter, the term “State” includes Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

(b) This chapter may be cited as the “Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act”.

(Apr. 27, 1935, ch. 85, §17, as added Feb. 29, 1936, ch. 104, §1, 49 Stat. 1151; amended July 26, 1947, ch. 339, §2, 61 Stat. 494; Pub. L. 86-70, §13(b), June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 143; Pub. L. 86-624, §8(b), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 412; Pub. L. 98-454, title VI, §601(d), Oct. 5, 1984, 98 Stat. 1736.)

AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-454 inserted reference to Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands in two places.

1960—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-624 substituted “States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” for “States, the Territory of Hawaii, and the possessions of Puerto Rico”, and struck out “Hawaii” from definition of “State”.

1959—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-70 substituted “the States, the Territory of Hawaii,” for “the United States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii”, and struck out “Alaska,” after “the term ‘State’ includes”.

1947—Subsec. (a). Act July 26, 1947, included the Virgin Islands.

REPEALS

Section 3 of act July 26, 1947, repealed all laws in conflict therewith.

**§ 590q-1. Sale and distribution of supplies, materials, and equipment to other Government agencies; reimbursement**

The Soil Conservation Service subject to applicable regulations under chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3306(f), 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4104, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41 may sell and distribute supplies, materials, and equipment to other Government activities, the cost of such supplies and materials or the value of such equipment (including the cost of transportation and handling) to be reimbursed to appropriations current at the time additional supplies, materials, or equipment are procured from the appropriations chargeable with the cost or value of such supplies, materials, or equipment.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title III, §302(b), 58 Stat. 738; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(12), 65 Stat. 707.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944, and not as part of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act which comprises this chapter.

In text, “chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3306(f), 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4104, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” substituted for “the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended,” on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, which Act enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, inserted reference to applicable regulations of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

**§ 590q-2. Voluntary relinquishment of allotments**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may provide for the reduction or cancellation of any allotment or base when the owner of the farm states in writing that he has no further use of such allotment or base.

(Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, §803, Nov. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1381.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Act of 1970, and not as part of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 590q-3. Critical lands resource conservation program in Great Plains area**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

**(a) Authorization for program**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to formulate and carry out a program with owners and operators of land in the Great Plains area as described in section 590p(b)<sup>1</sup> of this title to reduce runoff, soil and water erosion, and otherwise to promote the conservation of soil and water resources in such area through the conversion of cropland from soil depleting uses to conserving uses including the production of soil conserving cover crops.

**(b) Terms of agreements with owners or operators**

To effectuate the purposes of the program, the Secretary may enter into an agreement for a two-year period with an owner or operator as described in subsection (a) whereby the owner or operator shall agree to devote to a soil conserving cover crop a specifically designated acreage of cropland on the farm up to 50 per centum of the acreage which had been planted to any soil depleting crop or crops in any of the two years preceding the date of the agreement. The agreement shall be renewable for annual periods thereafter subject to the mutual agreement of the owner or operator and the Secretary. In such agreement, the owner or operator shall agree (1) to plant a legume, or if not adapted to such area, an annual, biennial, or a perennial cover crop, as specified in the agreement; (2) to divert from production such portion of one or more

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.