

a Livestock Mandatory Reporting note under section 1635 of this title.

### § 229b. Right to discuss terms of contract

#### (a) Definitions

In this section:

##### (1) Producer

The term “producer” means any person engaged in the raising and caring for livestock or poultry for slaughter.

##### (2) Processor

The term “processor” means any person engaged in the business of obtaining livestock or poultry for the purpose of slaughtering the livestock or poultry.

#### (b) No prohibition of discussion

Notwithstanding a provision in any contract between a producer and a processor for the production of livestock or poultry, or in any marketing agreement between a producer and a processor for the sale of livestock or poultry for a term of 1 year or more, that provides that information contained in the contract is confidential, a party to the contract shall not be prohibited from discussing any terms or details of the contract with—

- (1) a Federal or State agency;
- (2) a legal adviser to the party;
- (3) a lender to the party;
- (4) an accountant hired by the party;
- (5) an executive or manager of the party;
- (6) a landlord of the party; or
- (7) a member of the immediate family of the party.

#### (c) Effect on State laws

Subsection (b) does not—

- (1) preempt any State law that addresses confidentiality provisions in contracts for the sale or production of livestock or poultry, except any provision of State law that makes lawful a contract provision that prohibits a party from, or limits a party in, engaging in discussion that subsection (b) requires to be permitted; or
- (2) deprive any State court of jurisdiction under any such State law.

#### (d) Applicability

This section applies to each contract described in subsection (b) that is entered into, amended, renewed, or extended after May 13, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10503, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 510.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, which comprises this chapter.

### § 229c. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title IV, §417, formerly §408, 42 Stat. 169; renumbered §411, Pub. L.

94–410, §5, Sept. 13, 1976, 90 Stat. 1250; renumbered §415, Pub. L. 100–173, §9(1), Nov. 23, 1987, 101 Stat. 919; renumbered §416, Pub. L. 106–472, title III, §312(e)(1), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2077; renumbered §417, Pub. L. 110–234, title XI, §11004(a)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1355, and Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title XI, §11004(a)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2117.)

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 both renumbered this section as section 417 of act Aug. 15, 1921. Pub. L. 110–234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–234.

Section was formerly classified to section 229 of this title.

### SUBCHAPTER VI—CHARGE FOR INSPECTION

### § 231. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 689, was from the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1943, and provided for fees for inspection of brands appearing upon livestock. See section 217a of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 432.
- June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 557.
- June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 970.
- June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 721.
- June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 406.
- June 4, 1936, ch. 489, 49 Stat. 1432.
- May 17, 1935, ch. 131, title I, 49 Stat. 257.
- Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 477.
- Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 203, 47 Stat. 1441.
- July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 620.
- Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 278, 46 Stat. 1252.
- May 27, 1930, ch. 341, 46 Stat. 402.
- Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1198.

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#### CODIFICATION

The United States Warehouse Act, comprising this chapter, was originally enacted by act Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, pt. C, 39 Stat. 486, and amended by July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 266; Feb. 23, 1923, ch. 106, 42 Stat. 1282; Mar. 2, 1931, ch. 366, 46 Stat. 1463; Pub. L. 97–35, title I, §158(a)(1), (2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 375, 376; Pub. L. 99–260, §14, Mar. 20, 1986, 100 Stat. 54; Pub. L. 101–624, title V, §508(a), (b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3441, 3443; Pub. L. 102–237, title X, §1009, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1898; Pub. L. 102–553, §1, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4140.