

program administered by the Secretary for distribution within the States to eligible recipient agencies, the State may not charge recipient agencies any amount that is in excess of the State's direct costs of storing and transporting the commodities to recipient agencies minus any amount the Secretary provides the State for the costs of storing and transporting such commodities.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §208, Mar. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 36.)

#### **§ 7511a. Emergency food program infrastructure grants**

##### **(a) Definition of eligible entity**

In this section, the term “eligible entity” means an emergency feeding organization.

##### **(b) Program authorized**

###### **(1) In general**

The Secretary shall use funds made available under subsection (d) to make grants to eligible entities to pay the costs of an activity described in subsection (c).

###### **(2) Rural preference**

The Secretary shall use not less than 50 percent of the funds described in paragraph (1) for a fiscal year to make grants to eligible entities that serve predominantly rural communities for the purposes of—

(A) expanding the capacity and infrastructure of food banks, State-wide food bank associations, and food bank collaboratives that operate in rural areas; and

(B) improving the capacity of the food banks to procure, receive, store, distribute, track, and deliver time-sensitive or perishable food products.

##### **(c) Use of funds**

An eligible entity shall use a grant received under this section for any fiscal year to carry out activities of the eligible entity, including—

(1) the development and maintenance of a computerized system for the tracking of time-sensitive food products;

(2) capital, infrastructure, and operating costs associated with the collection, storage, distribution, and transportation of time-sensitive and perishable food products;

(3) improving the security and diversity of the emergency food distribution and recovery systems of the United States through the support of small or mid-size farms and ranches, fisheries, and aquaculture, and donations from local food producers and manufacturers to persons in need;

(4) providing recovered foods to food banks and similar nonprofit emergency food providers to reduce hunger in the United States;

(5) improving the identification of—

(A) potential providers of donated foods;

(B) potential nonprofit emergency food providers; and

(C) persons in need of emergency food assistance in rural areas; and

(6) constructing, expanding, or repairing a facility or equipment to support hunger relief agencies in the community.

##### **(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §209, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, §4202, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title IV, §4202, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1883; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title IV, §4027(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 812; Pub. L. 115-334, title IV, §4018(d), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4650.)

##### **CODIFICATION**

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

##### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 209 of Pub. L. 98-8, which related to commodity supplemental food program administrative expenses, was set out in a note under section 612c of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §1562(e)(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1590.

##### **AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “2012”.

##### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

Section effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date of 2008 Amendment note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

#### **§ 7512. Regulations**

##### **(a) Issuance**

The Secretary shall issue regulations within 30 days to implement this chapter.

##### **(b) Minimization of regulatory requirements**

In administering this chapter, the Secretary shall minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the regulatory, recordkeeping, and paperwork requirements imposed on eligible recipient agencies.

##### **(c) Publication in Federal Register**

(1) The Secretary shall as early as feasible but not later than the beginning of each fiscal year, publish in the Federal Register an estimate of the types and quantities of commodities that the Secretary anticipates are likely to be made available under the commodity distribution program under this chapter during the fiscal year.

(2) The actual types and quantities of commodities made available by the Secretary under this chapter may differ from the estimates made under paragraph (1).

##### **(d) Standards of liability for commodity losses**

The regulations issued by the Secretary under this section shall include provisions that set standards with respect to liability for commodity losses under the program under this chapter in situations in which there is no evidence of negligence or fraud, and conditions for payment to cover such losses. Such provisions shall take

into consideration the special needs and circumstances of emergency feeding organizations<sup>1</sup>

**(e) Final regulations**

The Secretary is authorized to issue final regulations without first issuing proposed regulations for public comment in order to carry out the provisions of sections 7514 and 7515 of this title. If final regulations are issued without such prior public comment the Secretary shall permit public comment on such regulations, consider pertinent comments, and make modifications of such regulations as appropriate not later than 1 year after September 19, 1988. Such final and modified regulations shall be accompanied by a statement of the basis and purpose for such regulations.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §210, Mar. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 36; Pub. L. 98-92, §2(9), Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 611; Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §1570, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1594; Pub. L. 100-77, title VIII, §814(b), July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 538; Pub. L. 100-435, title I, §§103(d), 105(b), Sept. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 1648, 1651; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVII, §1772(e), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3809; Pub. L. 104-193, title VIII, §871(e)(3), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2345.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-193 struck out “(except as otherwise provided for in section 7515(j) of this title)” before “for public comment” in first sentence.

1990—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-624 added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which contained provisions similar to the current provisions for specific fiscal years.

1988—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-435, §103(d), substituted “each of the fiscal years 1989 and 1990” for “the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-435, §105(b), added subsec. (e).

1987—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-77 substituted provisions relating to period ending on date specified in former section 212 of Pub. L. 98-8 for provisions relating to period beginning October 1, 1983 and ending September 30, 1987, and substituted “fiscal year ending September 30, 1988” for “fiscal year ending September 30, 1987”.

1985—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-198, §1570(1), substituted “the period beginning October 1, 1983, and ending September 30, 1987” for “the fiscal years ending September 30, 1984, and September 30, 1985”, “as early as feasible but not later than the beginning of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987” for “prior to the beginning of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985”, and “such fiscal year” for “second twelve months”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-198, §1570(2), added subsec. (d).  
1983—Pub. L. 98-92 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subssecs. (b) and (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-624 effective and implemented first day of month beginning 120 days after publication of implementing regulations to be promulgated not later than Oct. 1, 1991, see section 1781(a) of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as a note under section 2012 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 103(d) of Pub. L. 100-435 to be effective and implemented on Sept. 19, 1988, and amendment by section 105(b) of Pub. L. 100-435 to be effective and implemented on Oct. 1, 1988, see section 701(a), (b)(1) of Pub. L. 100-435, set out as a note under section 2012 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-92, §2, Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 608, provided in part that the amendment made by section 2 is effective Oct. 1, 1983.

<sup>1</sup> So in original.

**§ 7513. Finality of determinations**

Determinations made by the Secretary of Agriculture under this chapter and the facts constituting the basis for any donation of commodities under this chapter, or the amount thereof, when officially determined in conformity with the applicable regulations prescribed by the Secretary, shall be final and conclusive and shall not be reviewable by any other officer or agency of the Government.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §211, as added Pub. L. 98-92, §2(10), Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 612.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-92, §2, Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 608, provided in part that this section is effective Oct. 1, 1983.

**§ 7514. Incorporation of additional commodities**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall administer the program authorized under this chapter in a manner that incorporates into the program additional commodities purchased by the Secretary under section 7515 of this title to be distributed to States for use in such States by emergency feeding organizations, as defined in section 7501(1)<sup>1</sup> of this title. Such additional commodities, to the extent practicable and appropriate, shall include commodities purchased within a given State for distribution within such State.

**(b) Supplement commodities available**

The Secretary shall supplement the commodities made available to emergency feeding organizations under sections 7502 and 7507(a) of this title with nutritious and useful commodities purchased by the Secretary under section 7515 of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §213, as added Pub. L. 100-435, title I, §104, Sept. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 1648.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 7501 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was subsequently amended, and section 7501(1) no longer defines the term “emergency feeding organization”. However, such term is defined elsewhere in that section.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section to be effective and implemented on Oct. 1, 1988, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 100-435, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 2012 of this title.

**§ 7515. Allotment and delivery of commodities**

**(a) Mandatory allotments**

In each fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot—

- (1) 60 percent of the total value of additional commodities provided to States in a manner such that the value of additional commodities allocated to each State bears the same ratio to 60 percent of the total value of additional commodities as the number of persons in households within the State having incomes below the poverty line bears to the total number of persons in households within all States having incomes below such poverty line, and each State shall be entitled to receive such value of additional commodities; and

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