

evidence touching the matter in question; and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by such court as a contempt thereof.

**(d) Fees and mileage costs of witnesses**

Witnesses summoned before the Secretary shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the courts of the United States, and witnesses from whom depositions are taken and the persons taking the same shall severally be entitled to the same fees as are paid for like services in the courts of the United States.

**(e) Violation of subpoena as misdemeanor**

Any person who shall neglect or refuse to attend and testify, or to answer any lawful inquiry, or to produce documentary evidence, if in the power of the person to do so, in obedience to the subpoena or lawful requirement of the Secretary, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be subject to imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both the imprisonment and fine.

**(f) Repealed. Pub. L. 91-452, title II, § 203, Oct. 15, 1970, 84 Stat. 928**

**(g) Repealed. Pub. L. 94-582, § 19(d), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2886**

**(h) District court jurisdiction**

The United States district courts, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the Virgin Islands, the highest court of American Samoa, and the United States courts of the other territories and possessions of the United States shall have jurisdiction in cases arising under this chapter.

(Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, pt. B, §17, as added Pub. L. 90-487, §1, Aug. 15, 1968, 82 Stat. 768; amended Pub. L. 91-452, title II, § 203, Oct. 15, 1970, 84 Stat. 928; Pub. L. 94-582, §19, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2885; Pub. L. 103-156, §§10, 12(o), Nov. 24, 1993, 107 Stat. 1528, 1529; Pub. L. 103-354, title II, § 293(a)(7), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3237.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsecs. (a) to (e). Pub. L. 103-354 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” wherever appearing.

1993—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-156, §12(o), which directed amendment of “Section 17(e)” by substituting “the power of the person” for “his power”, without specifying the name of the Act being amended, was executed to this section, which is section 17 of the United States Grain Standards Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 103-156, §10, substituted “imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both the imprisonment and fine” for “the penalties set forth in subsection (a) of section 87c of this title”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-582, §19(a), (b), substituted “Administrator” for “Secretary” in two places and inserted “by the Administrator” after “under investigation”, respectively.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 94-582, §19(a), substituted “Administrator” for “Secretary” in subsecs. (b) to (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-582, §19(a), (c), substituted “Administrator” for “Secretary” and inserted “subsection (a) of” before “section 87c of this title”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 94-582, §19(d), struck out subsec. (g) which made unlawful disclosure of information by an officer or employee of the Department of Agri-

culture a misdemeanor, subject to the penalties set forth in section 87c of this title.

1970—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 91-452 struck out subsec. (f) which related to the immunity from prosecution of any individual compelled to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-582 effective 30 days after Oct. 21, 1976, see section 27 of Pub. L. 94-582, as amended, set out as a note under section 74 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 91-452, and amendment not to affect any immunity to which any individual is entitled under this section by reason of any testimony given before sixtieth day following Oct. 15, 1970, see section 260 of Pub. L. 91-452, set out as an Effective Date; Savings Provision note under section 6001 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date of section, see section 2 of Pub. L. 90-487, set out as an Effective Date of 1968 Amendment note under section 78 of this title.

**§ 87f-1. Registration requirements**

**(a) General requirement**

The Secretary shall provide, by regulation, for the registration of all persons engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce, and in the business of handling, weighing, or transporting of grain for sale in foreign commerce. This section shall not apply to—

(1) any person who only incidentally or occasionally buys for sale, or handles, weighs, or transports grain for sale and is not engaged in the regular business of buying grain for sale, or handling, weighing, or transporting grain for sale;

(2) any producer of grain who only incidentally or occasionally sells or transports grain which the producer has purchased;

(3) any person who transports grain for hire and does not own a financial interest in such grain; or

(4) any person who buys grain for feeding or processing and not for the purpose of reselling and only incidentally or occasionally sells such grain as grain.

**(b) Required information**

(1) All persons required to register under this chapter shall submit the following information to the Secretary:

(A) the name and principal address of the business,

(B) the names of all directors of such business,

(C) the names of the principal officers of such business,

(D) the names of all persons in a control relationship with respect to such business,

(E) a list of locations where the business conducts substantial operations, and

(F) such other information as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Persons required to register under this section shall also submit to the Secretary the information specified in clauses (A) through (F) of this

paragraph with respect to any business engaged in the business of buying grain for sale in interstate commerce, and in the business of handling, weighing, or transporting of grain for sale in interstate commerce, if, with respect to such business, the person otherwise required to register under this section is in a control relationship.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be in a "control relationship" with respect to a business required to register under subsection (a) and with respect to applicable interstate businesses if—

- (A) such person has an ownership interest of 10 per centum or more in such business, or
- (B) a business or group of business entities, with respect to which such person is in a control relationship, has an ownership interest of 10 per centum or more in such business.

(3) For purposes of clauses (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person shall be considered to own the ownership interest which is owned by his or her spouse, minor children, and relatives living in the same household.

**(c) Certificate of registration**

The Secretary shall issue a certificate of registration to persons who comply with the provisions of this section. The certificate of registration issued in accordance with this section shall be renewed annually. If there has been any change in the information required under subsection (b), the person holding such certificate shall, within thirty days of the discovery of such change, notify the Secretary of such change. No person shall engage in the business of buying grain for sale in foreign commerce, and in the business of handling, weighing, or transporting of grain in foreign commerce unless the person has registered with the Secretary as required by this chapter and has an unsuspended and unrevoked certificate of registration.

**(d) Suspension or registration of certificate of registration**

The Secretary may suspend or revoke any certificate of registration issued under this section whenever, after the person holding such certificate has been afforded an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with sections 554, 556, and 557 of title 5, the Secretary shall determine that such person has violated any provision of this chapter or of the regulations promulgated thereunder, or has been convicted of any violation involving the handling, weighing, or inspection of grain under title 18.

**(e) Fees**

The Secretary shall charge and collect fees from any person registered under this section. The amount of such fees shall be determined on the basis of the costs of the Secretary in administering the registration required by this section. Such fees shall be deposited in, and used as part of, the fund described in section 79(j) of this title.

(Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, pt. B, §17A, as added Pub. L. 94-582, §22, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2886; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XVI, §1604(*l*), Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1029; Pub. L. 103-156, §12(p), Nov. 24, 1993, 107 Stat. 1529; Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §293(a)(7), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3237.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1), (c) to (e). Pub. L. 103-354 substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" wherever appearing.

1993—Pub. L. 103-156, §12(p), which directed amendment of "Section 17A", without specifying the name of the Act being amended, was executed to this section, which is section 17A of the United States Grain Standards Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 103-156, §12(p)(1), substituted "the producer" for "he".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-156, §12(p)(2), substituted "the person" for "he" in last sentence.

1977—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 95-113 substituted "All persons required to register" for "All persons registered" in provisions preceding subpar. (A).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-113 effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as a note under section 1307 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 30 days after Oct. 21, 1976, see section 27 of Pub. L. 94-582, as amended, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 74 of this title.

**§ 87f-2. Reporting requirements**

**(a) General requirements; annual report to Congressional committees**

On December 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate regarding the effectiveness of the official inspection and weighing system under this chapter for the prior fiscal year, with recommendations for any legislative changes necessary to accomplish the objectives stated in section 74 of this title.

**(b) Notification of Congressional committees of complaints regarding faulty grain deliveries and cancellation of export contracts**

The Secretary shall notify the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate (1) of any complaint regarding faulty grain delivery made to the Department of Agriculture by a foreign purchaser of United States grain, within thirty days after a determination by the Secretary that there is reasonable cause to believe that the grain delivery was in fact faulty, and (2) notwithstanding the provisions of section 612c-3<sup>1</sup> of this title, within thirty days after receipt by the Secretary or the Secretary<sup>2</sup> of notice of the cancellation of any contract for the export of more than one hundred thousand metric tons of grain.

**(c) Submission to Congressional committees of annual summary of complaints from foreign purchasers and prospective purchasers of grain**

On December 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of

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

<sup>2</sup> So in original. The words "or the Secretary" probably should not appear.