

commodities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, the export of which is hampered by an unfair trade practice. Where practicable, the report shall include a comparison of the average prices and costs of production for such commodities in the United States and in the importing countries for the previous crop year;

(2) in consultation with the agricultural technical advisory committees established under section 2155(c) of title 19, include in the compilation a priority ranking of those trade barriers identified in subsection (a) by commodity group;

(3) include in the compilation a list of actions undertaken to reduce or eliminate such trade barriers; and

(4) not later than January 15 of each year, make the compilation available to Congress, the agricultural policy advisory committee, and other interested parties.

(c) Meeting

The Secretary and the United States Trade Representative shall convene a meeting, at least once each year, of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee and the agricultural technical advisory committees to develop specific recommendations for actions to be taken by the Federal Government and private industry to—

(1) reduce or eliminate trade barriers or distortions identified in the annual reports required to be submitted under subsections (a) and (b); and

(2) expand United States agricultural export opportunities identified in such annual reports.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, § 108, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1532, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3689; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §§ 316-318, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856, 1857; Pub. L. 104-127, title II, § 272, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 976.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 104-127 struck out “including fruits, vegetables, legumes, popcorn and ducks” after “agricultural commodities”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-237, § 316, made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 101-624, § 1532, which enacted this section, resulting in no change in text.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 102-237, § 317, substituted a semicolon for period at end.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 102-237, § 318, struck out “the trade assistance office authorized under section 504 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (as amended by section 201),” after “available to Congress.”

§ 1749. Attaché educational program

The Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service shall establish a program within the Service that directs attachés of the Service who are reassigned from abroad to the United States, and other personnel of the Service, to visit and consult with producers and exporters of agricultural commodities and products and State officials throughout the United States concerning various methods to increase exports of United States agricultural commodities and products.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title I, § 109, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1532, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat.

3690; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, § 316, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856.)

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§ 1761. Foreign markets; collection of information

For the purpose of encouraging and promoting the marketing of agricultural commodities of the United States and assisting American farmers, processors, distributors, and exporters to adjust their operations and practices to meet world conditions, the Secretary of Agriculture shall acquire information regarding the competition and demand for United States agricultural commodities, the marketing and distribution of such commodities in foreign countries and shall be responsible for the interpretation and dissemination of such information in the United States and shall make investigations abroad regarding the factors affecting and influencing the export of United States agricultural commodities, and shall conduct abroad any other activities including the demonstration of standards of quality for American agricultural commodities for which the Department of Agri-