

- “(1) livestock other than equine; or  
“(2) poultry.

“SEC. 905. EFFECTIVE DATE.

“This subtitle shall become effective on the first day of the first month that begins 30 days or more after the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 4, 1996].”

**§ 1902. Humane methods**

No method of slaughtering or handling in connection with slaughtering shall be deemed to comply with the public policy of the United States unless it is humane. Either of the following two methods of slaughtering and handling are hereby found to be humane:

(a) in the case of cattle, calves, horses, mules, sheep, swine, and other livestock, all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut; or

(b) by slaughtering in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any other religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument and handling in connection with such slaughtering.

(Pub. L. 85-765, § 2, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 862; Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(a), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Par. (b). Pub. L. 95-445 inserted “and handling in connection with such slaughtering” at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-445 effective one year after Oct. 10, 1978, and nonapplicability during not to exceed additional 18 months in hardship cases, see sec. 7 of Pub. L. 95-445 set out as a note under section 603 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

**§ 1903. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069**

Section, Pub. L. 85-765, § 3, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 862, related to limitations on Government procurement and price support, modifications during national emergency, and statements of eligibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective one year after Oct. 10, 1978, and nonapplicability during not to exceed additional 18 months in hardship cases, see sec. 7 of Pub. L. 95-445 set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 603 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

CONTRACTS FOR OR PROCUREMENT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 30, 1960, TO AUGUST 30, 1960

Pub. L. 86-547, June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 255, permitted any agency or instrumentality of the United States, during the period from June 30, 1960, to August 30, 1960, to contract for or procure livestock products produced or processed by a slaughterer or processor which slaughters or handles for slaughter livestock by methods other than those designated and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture if such slaughterer or processor has contracted for the purchase of the equipment necessary to enable him to adopt such methods but such equipment has not been delivered to him.

**§ 1904. Methods research; designation of methods**

In furtherance of the policy expressed herein the Secretary is authorized and directed—

(a) to conduct, assist, and foster research, investigation, and experimentation to develop and determine methods of slaughter and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter which are practicable with reference to the speed and scope of slaughtering operations and humane with reference to other existing methods and then current scientific knowledge; and

(b) on or before March 1, 1959, and at such times thereafter as he deems advisable, to designate methods of slaughter and of handling in connection with slaughter which, with respect to each species of livestock, conform to the policy stated in this chapter. If he deems it more effective, the Secretary may make any such designation by designating methods which are not in conformity with such policy. Designations by the Secretary subsequent to March 1, 1959, shall become effective 180 days after their publication in the Federal Register.

(Pub. L. 85-765, § 4, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 863; Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b)-(e), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Par. (a). Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(d), inserted “and” after the semicolon at end.

Par. (b). Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(c), (e), struck out “for purposes of section 1903 of this title” before “180 days”, and substituted a period for the semicolon at end.

Par. (c). Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b), repealed par. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-445 effective one year after Oct. 10, 1978, and nonapplicability during not to exceed additional 18 months in hardship cases, see sec. 7 of Pub. L. 95-445 set out as a note under section 603 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

**§ 1905. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-445, § 5(b), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069**

Section, Pub. L. 85-765, § 5, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 863, related to establishment, composition, functions, compensation, meetings, and reports of advisory committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective one year after Oct. 10, 1978, and nonapplicability during not to exceed additional 18 months in hardship cases, see sec. 7 of Pub. L. 95-445 set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 603 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

**§ 1906. Exemption of ritual slaughter**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit, abridge, or in any way hinder the religious freedom of any person or group. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in order to protect freedom of religion, ritual slaughter and the handling or other preparation of livestock for ritual slaughter are exempted from the terms of this chapter. For the purposes of this section the term “ritual slaughter” means slaughter in accordance with section 1902(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-765, § 6, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 864.)