

inspections by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Homeland Security, may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing on the record, be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of Homeland Security not to exceed \$10,000.

**(b) Factors in determining civil penalty**

In determining the amount of a civil penalty, the Secretary concerned shall take into account the nature, circumstance, extent, and gravity of the offense.

**(c) Settlement of civil penalties**

The Secretary concerned may compromise, modify, or remit, with or without conditions, any civil penalty that may be assessed under this section.

**(d) Finality of orders**

**(1) In general**

The order of the Secretary concerned assessing a civil penalty shall be treated as a final order reviewable under chapter 158 of title 28. The validity of the order of the Secretary concerned may not be reviewed in an action to collect the civil penalty.

**(2) Interest**

Any civil penalty not paid in full when due under an order assessing the civil penalty shall thereafter accrue interest until paid at the rate of interest applicable to civil judgments of the courts of the United States.

**(e) Secretary concerned defined**

In this section and section 2279f of this title, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

(1) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to an animal used for purposes of official inspections by the Department of Agriculture; and

(2) the Secretary of Homeland Security, with respect to an animal used for purposes of official inspections by the Department of Homeland Security.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title V, § 501, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 455; Pub. L. 107-296, title IV, § 421(h), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2184.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-296, § 421(h)(1), inserted “or the Department of Homeland Security” after “Department of Agriculture” and “or the Secretary of Homeland Security” after “Secretary of Agriculture”.

Subsecs. (b) to (d)(1). Pub. L. 107-296, § 421(h)(2), substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Secretary” whenever appearing.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-296, § 421(h)(3), added subsec. (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

**§ 2279f. Subpoena authority**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary concerned shall have power to subpoena the attendance and testimony of any witness, and the production of all documentary evidence relating to the enforcement of section

2279e of this title or any matter under investigation in connection with this section and section 2279e of this title.

**(b) Location of production**

The attendance of any witness and the production of documentary evidence may be required from any place in the United States at any designated place of hearing.

**(c) Enforcement of subpoena**

In the case of disobedience to a subpoena by any person, the Secretary concerned may request the Attorney General to invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction in which the investigation is conducted, or where the person resides, is found, transacts business, is licensed to do business, or is incorporated, in requiring the attendance and testimony of any witness and the production of documentary evidence. In case of a refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, a court may order the person to appear before the Secretary concerned and give evidence concerning the matter in question or to produce documentary evidence. Any failure to obey the court’s order may be punished by the court as a contempt of the court.

**(d) Compensation**

Witnesses summoned by the Secretary concerned shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in courts of the United States, and witnesses whose depositions are taken, and the persons taking the depositions shall be entitled to the same fees that are paid for similar services in the courts of the United States.

**(e) Procedures**

The Secretary concerned shall publish procedures for the issuance of subpoenas under this section. Such procedures shall include a requirement that subpoenas be reviewed for legal sufficiency and signed by the Secretary concerned. If the authority to sign a subpoena is delegated, the agency receiving the delegation shall seek review for legal sufficiency outside that agency.

**(f) Scope of subpoena**

Subpoenas for witnesses to attend court in any judicial district or testify or produce evidence at an administrative hearing in any judicial district in any action or proceeding arising under section 2279e of this title may run to any other judicial district.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title V, § 502, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 455; Pub. L. 107-296, title IV, § 421(h)(2), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2184.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsecs. (a), (c) to (e). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Secretary” whenever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

**§ 2279g. Marketing services; cooperative agreements**

Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, marketing services of the Agricultural Marketing

Service; the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and the food safety activities of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, on and after February 20, 2003, may use cooperative agreements to reflect a relationship between the Agricultural Marketing Service; the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; or the Food Safety and Inspection Service and a State or cooperator to carry out agricultural marketing programs, to carry out programs to protect the nation's animal and plant resources, or to carry out educational programs or special studies to improve the safety of the nation's food supply.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title VII, §713, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 39.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 107-76, title VII, §713, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 733.

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title VII, §713], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-29.

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §716, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1162.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §715], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-26.

Pub. L. 105-86, title VII, §717, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2106.

Pub. L. 104-180, title VII, §717, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1598.

Pub. L. 104-37, title VII, §717, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 331.

Pub. L. 103-330, title VII, §720, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2469.

#### § 2279h. Cross-servicing activities of National Finance Center

On and after November 10, 2005, the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market and expand cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title I, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2121.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title I, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2812.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title I, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 6.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title I, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 14.

Pub. L. 107-76, title I, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 705.

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title I], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-2.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title I], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-1.

Pub. L. 105-86, title I, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2080.

Pub. L. 104-180, title I, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1570.

Pub. L. 104-37, title I, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 300.

#### § 2279i. Cooperation with State and other agencies; expenditures

In carrying on the activities of the Department of Agriculture involving cooperation with

State, county, and municipal agencies, associations of farmers, individual farmers, universities, colleges, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, or other local associations of business men, business organizations, and individuals within the State, Territory, district, or insular possession in which such activities are to be carried on, moneys contributed from such outside sources, except in the case of the authorized activities of the Forest Service, shall be paid only through the Secretary of Agriculture or through State, county, or municipal agencies, or local farm bureaus or like organizations, cooperating for the purpose with the Secretary of Agriculture.

(July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 270.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 450b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section, and to section 563 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

#### § 2279j. Conversion authority

The Secretary may, notwithstanding subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, governing appointments in the competitive or excepted service, noncompetitively convert to an appointment in the competitive service, in an agency or office within the Department of Agriculture, a recent graduate or student who is a United States citizen and has been awarded and successfully completed a scholarship program granted to the individual by the Department through the 1890 National Scholars Program or the 1994 Tribal Scholars Program carried out by the Department, provided the individual meets the requirements for such conversion and meets Office of Personnel Management qualification standards, as determined by the Secretary. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed as requiring the Secretary to convert an individual under the authority under such sentence.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §12519, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5001.)

#### DEFINITION OF "SECRETARY"

"Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 2 of Pub. L. 115-334, set out as a note under section 9001 of this title.

#### § 2279k. Authorization of protection operations for the Secretary of Agriculture and others

##### (a) In general

The Department of Agriculture is authorized to employ qualified law enforcement officers or special agents to provide—

(1) protection for the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary during the performance of official duties by each such officer and during any activity that is preliminary or postliminary to the performance of official duties by each such officer;

(2) protection, incidental to the protection provided pursuant to paragraph (1), to an individual accompanying each such officer who is participating in an activity or event relating