

- (4) an accountant hired by the party;
- (5) an executive or manager of the party;
- (6) a landlord of the party; or
- (7) a member of the immediate family of the party.

**(c) Effect on State laws**

Subsection (b) does not—

(1) preempt any State law that addresses confidentiality provisions in contracts for the sale or production of livestock or poultry, except any provision of State law that makes lawful a contract provision that prohibits a party from, or limits a party in, engaging in discussion that subsection (b) requires to be permitted; or

(2) deprive any State court of jurisdiction under any such State law.

**(d) Applicability**

This section applies to each contract described in subsection (b) that is entered into, amended, renewed, or extended after May 13, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10503, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 510.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, which comprises this chapter.

**§ 229c. Separability**

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Aug. 15, 1921, ch. 64, title IV, §417, formerly §408, 42 Stat. 169; renumbered §411, Pub. L. 94-410, §5, Sept. 13, 1976, 90 Stat. 1250; renumbered §415, Pub. L. 100-173, §9(1), Nov. 23, 1987, 101 Stat. 919; renumbered §416, Pub. L. 106-472, title III, §312(e)(1), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2077; renumbered §417, Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, §11004(a)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1355, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XI, §11004(a)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2117.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 both renumbered this section as section 417 of act Aug. 15, 1921. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234.

Section was formerly classified to section 229 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER VI—CHARGE FOR INSPECTION

**§ 231. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 689, was from the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1943, and provided for fees for inspection of brands appearing upon livestock. See section 217a of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 432.

June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 557.

June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 970.  
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 721.  
 June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 406.  
 June 4, 1936, ch. 489, 49 Stat. 1432.  
 May 17, 1935, ch. 131, title I, 49 Stat. 257.  
 Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 477.  
 Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 203, 47 Stat. 1441.  
 July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 620.  
 Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 278, 46 Stat. 1252.  
 May 27, 1930, ch. 341, 46 Stat. 402.  
 Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1198.

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CODIFICATION

The United States Warehouse Act, comprising this chapter, was originally enacted by act Aug. 11, 1916, ch. 313, pt. C, 39 Stat. 486, and amended by July 24, 1919, ch. 26, 41 Stat. 266; Feb. 23, 1923, ch. 106, 42 Stat. 1282; Mar. 2, 1931, ch. 366, 46 Stat. 1463; Pub. L. 97-35, title I, §158(a)(1), (2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 375, 376; Pub. L. 99-260, §14, Mar. 20, 1986, 100 Stat. 54; Pub. L. 101-624, title V, §508(a), (b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3441, 3443; Pub. L. 102-237, title X, §1009, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1898; Pub. L. 102-553, §1, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4140. Such Act is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 106-472, title II, §201, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2061, without reference to such intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of the title's provisions by Pub. L. 106-472.

**§ 241. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Agricultural product**

The term “agricultural product” means an agricultural commodity, as determined by the Secretary, including a processed product of an agricultural commodity.

**(2) Approval**

The term “approval” means the consent provided by the Secretary for a person to engage in an activity authorized by this chapter.

**(3) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(4) Electronic document**

The term “electronic document” means a document that is generated, sent, received, or stored by electronic, optical, or similar means, including electronic data interchange, electronic mail, telegram, telex, or telecopy.

**(5) Electronic receipt**

The term “electronic receipt” means a receipt that is authorized by the Secretary to be