

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-92, §2, Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 608, provided in part that this section is effective Oct. 1, 1983.

§ 7505. Federal and State responsibilities**(a) Federal responsibility; optional State priority**

The Secretary shall, as expeditiously as possible, provide the commodities made available under this chapter in such quantities as can be used without waste to State agencies designated by the Governor or other appropriate State official for distribution to eligible recipient agencies, except that the Secretary may provide such commodities directly to eligible recipient agencies and to private companies that process such commodities for eligible recipient agencies under sections¹ 7504 of this title. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the distribution of commodities under this chapter, each State agency shall have the option to give priority to existing food bank networks and other organizations whose ongoing primary function is to facilitate the distribution of food to low-income households, including food from sources other than the Department of Agriculture.

(b) Distribution by State agencies; priority; rural areas

State agencies receiving commodities under this chapter shall, as expeditiously as possible, distribute such commodities, in the quantities requested (to the extent practicable), to eligible recipient agencies within their respective States. However, if a State agency cannot meet all requests for a particular commodity under this chapter, the State agency shall give priority in the distribution of such commodity to eligible recipient agencies providing nutrition assistance to relieve situations of emergency and distress through the provision of food to needy persons, including low-income and unemployed persons. Each State agency shall encourage distribution of such commodities in rural areas.

(c) Distribution to needy persons

Each State agency receiving commodities for individual household use under this chapter shall distribute such commodities to eligible recipient agencies in the State that serve needy persons, and shall, with the approval of the Secretary, determine those persons in the State that shall qualify as needy persons eligible for such commodities.

(d) Cooperative agreements with adjoining States

Each State agency receiving commodities under this chapter may—

- (1) enter into cooperative agreements with State agencies of other States for joint provision of such commodities to an emergency feeding organization that serves needy persons in a single geographical area part of which is situated in each of such States; or
- (2) transfer such commodities to any such emergency feeding organization in the other State under such agreement.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §203B, as added Pub. L. 98-92, §2(5), Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 610; amended

¹ So in original. Probably should be "section".

Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §1568, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1592; Pub. L. 100-435, title I, §105(c), Sept. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 1651; Pub. L. 104-193, title VIII, §871(e)(1), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2345.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-193 substituted "203A", which was translated as "section 7504 of this title", for "203 and 203A of this Act".

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-435 inserted at end "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the distribution of commodities under this chapter, each State agency shall have the option to give priority to existing food bank networks and other organizations whose ongoing primary function is to facilitate the distribution of food to low-income households, including food from sources other than the Department of Agriculture."

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-198, §1568(a), inserted at end "Each State agency shall encourage distribution of such commodities in rural areas."

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-198, §1568(b), added subsec. (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-435 to be effective and implemented on Oct. 1, 1988, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 100-435, set out as a note under section 2012 of this title.

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§ 7506. Assurances; anticipated use

(a) The Secretary shall take such precautions as the Secretary deems necessary to assure that any eligible recipient agency receiving commodities under this chapter will provide such commodities to persons served by the eligible recipient agency and will not diminish its normal expenditures for food by reason of the receipt of such commodities. The Secretary shall also take such precautions as the Secretary deems necessary to assure that commodities made available under this chapter will not displace commercial sales of such commodities or the products thereof. The Secretary shall not make commodities available for donation in any quantity or manner that the Secretary, in the Secretary's discretion, determines may, substitute for the same or any other agricultural produce that would otherwise be purchased in the market.

(b) Commodities provided under this chapter shall be distributed only in quantities that can be consumed without waste. No eligible recipient agency may receive commodities under this chapter in excess of anticipated use, based on inventory records and controls, or in excess of its ability to accept and store such commodities.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §203C, as added Pub. L. 98-92, §2(5), Sept. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 610; amended Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, §1566, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1591; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1011(k), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 710.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-66 struck out at end "The Secretary shall submit to Congress each year a report as to whether and to what extent such displacements or substitutions are occurring."

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-198 inserted at end "The Secretary shall submit to Congress each year a report as to whether and to what extent such displacements or substitutions are occurring."

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§ 7507. State and local supplementation of commodities

(a) Authorization

The Secretary shall establish procedures under which State and local agencies, charitable institutions, or any other persons may supplement the commodities distributed under the program authorized by this chapter for use by emergency feeding organizations with nutritious and wholesome commodities that such entities or persons donate to State agencies and emergency feeding organizations for distribution, in all or part of the State, in addition to the commodities otherwise made available under this chapter.

(b) Use of funds and facilities

States and emergency feeding organizations may use the funds appropriated under this chapter and equipment, structures, vehicles, and all other facilities involved in the storage, handling, or distribution of commodities made available under this chapter, and the personnel, both paid or volunteer, involved in such storage, handling, or distribution, to store, handle or distribute commodities donated for the use of emergency feeding organizations under subsection (a).

(c) Volunteer workers

State and emergency feeding organizations shall continue, to the maximum extent practicable, to use volunteer workers and commodities and other foodstuffs donated by charitable and other organizations in the operation of the program authorized by this section.

(d) Projects to harvest, process, package, or transport donated commodities

(1) Definition of project

In this subsection, the term “project” means the harvesting, processing, packaging, or transportation of unharvested, unprocessed, or unpackaged commodities donated by agricultural producers, processors, or distributors for use by emergency feeding organizations under subsection (a).

(2) Federal funding for projects

(A) In general

Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C) and paragraph (3), using funds made available under paragraph (5), the Secretary may provide funding to States to pay for the costs of carrying out a project.

(B) Federal share

The Federal share of the cost of a project under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the project.

(C) Allocation

(i) In general

Each fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate the funds made available under subparagraph (A), based on a formula determined by the Secretary, to States that

have submitted a State plan describing a plan of operation for a project under section 7503(b)(5) of this title.

(ii) Reallocation

If the Secretary determines that a State will not expend all of the funds allocated to the State for a fiscal year under clause (i), the Secretary shall reallocate the unexpended funds to other States that have submitted under section 7503(b)(5) of this title a State plan describing a plan of operation for a project during that fiscal year or the subsequent fiscal year, as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(iii) Reports

Each State to which funds are allocated for a fiscal year under this subparagraph shall, on a regular basis, submit to the Secretary financial reports describing the use of the funds.

(3) Project purposes

A State may only use Federal funds received under paragraph (2) for a project the purposes of which are—

(A) to reduce food waste at the agricultural production, processing, or distribution level through the donation of food;

(B) to provide food to individuals in need; and

(C) to build relationships between agricultural producers, processors, and distributors and emergency feeding organizations through the donation of food.

(4) Cooperative agreements

The Secretary may encourage a State agency that carries out a project using Federal funds received under paragraph (2) to enter into cooperative agreements with State agencies of other States under section 7505(d) of this title to maximize the use of commodities donated under the project.

(5) Funding

Out of funds not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023, to remain available until the end of the subsequent fiscal year.

(e) Food waste

The Secretary shall issue guidance outlining best practices to minimize the food waste of the commodities donated under subsection (a).

(f) Food donation standards

(1) Definitions

In this subsection:

(A) Apparently wholesome food

The term “apparently wholesome food” has the meaning given the term in section 1791(b) of title 42.

(B) Institution of higher education

The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 1002 of title 20.

(C) Qualified direct donor

The term “qualified direct donor” means a retail food store, wholesaler, agricultural