

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970, and not as part of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 which constitutes this chapter. Section was formerly classified to section 4455(a) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 substituted “Secretary under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.)” for “Rural Electrification Administration”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 31, 1970, see section 304 of Pub. L. 91-606, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 165 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

## § 913. Definitions

In this chapter:

**(1) Farm**

The term “farm” means a farm, as defined by the Bureau of the Census.

**(2) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 5304 of title 25.

**(3) Rural area**

Except as provided otherwise in this chapter, the term “rural area” means the farm and nonfarm population of—

(A) any area described in section 1991(a)(13)(C) of this title; and

(B) any area within a service area of a borrower for which a borrower has an outstanding loan made under subchapters I through V as of the date of enactment of this paragraph.

**(4) Territory**

The term “territory” includes any insular possession of the United States.

**(5) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(May 20, 1936, ch. 432, title I, §13, 49 Stat. 1367; Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 776, §2, 63 Stat. 948; Pub. L. 103-129, §2(c)(3), Nov. 1, 1993, 107 Stat. 1363; Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §235(a)(6), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3221; Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6104, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1195; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6104, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1957.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this paragraph, referred to in par. (3)(B), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6104, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “As used in this chapter the term ‘rural area’, except as provided in section 924(b) of this title, shall be deemed to mean any area of the United States not included within the boundaries of any urban area, as defined by

the Bureau of the Census, and such term shall be deemed to include both the farm and nonfarm population thereof; the term ‘farm’ shall be deemed to mean a farm as defined in the publications of the Bureau of the Census; the term ‘person’ shall be deemed to mean any natural person, firm, corporation, or association; the term ‘Territory’ shall be deemed to include any insular possession of the United States; and the term ‘Secretary’ shall be deemed to mean the Secretary of Agriculture.”

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 inserted before period at end “; and the term ‘Secretary’ shall be deemed to mean the Secretary of Agriculture”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-129 inserted “, except as provided in section 924(b) of this title,” before “shall be deemed to mean” and substituted “urban area, as defined by the Bureau of the Census” for “city, village, or borough having a population in excess of fifteen hundred inhabitants.”

1949—Act Oct. 28, 1949, inserted “title I,” in credit of act May 20, 1936.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

## § 914. Separability

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

(May 20, 1936, ch. 432, title I, §14, 49 Stat. 1367; Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 776, §2, 63 Stat. 948.)

## AMENDMENTS

1949—Act Oct. 28, 1949, inserted “title I,” in credit of act May 20, 1936.

## § 915. Purchase of financial and credit reports

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to purchase such financial and credit reports as may be necessary to carry out the Secretary's authorized work: *Provided*, That purchases under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title V, §505, 58 Stat. 740; Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §235(b)(2), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3221.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944, and not as part of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 which constitutes this chapter.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 substituted “Secretary of Agriculture” for “Rural Electrification Administration” and “the Secretary's” for “its”.

## § 916. Criteria for loans

In order to insure coordination of electric generation and transmission financing under this chapter with the national energy policy, the Secretary in making or guaranteeing loans for the construction, operation, or enlargement of