

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “The Secretary may issue” for “The Secretary of Agriculture may issue”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 2668. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 508, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 674, related to Secretary's authority to promulgate such regulations as might be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1322. See section 2667 of this title.

§ 2669. Pilot projects for production and marketing of industrial hydrocarbons and alcohols from agricultural commodities and forest products**(a) Formulation and execution of program**

The Secretary is authorized and directed to formulate and carry out a pilot program for the production and marketing of industrial hydrocarbons derived from agricultural commodities and forest products for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding the market for such commodities and products and expanding the Nation's supply of industrial hydrocarbons.

(b) Loan guarantees

The Secretary shall provide for four pilot projects for the production of industrial hydrocarbons and alcohols from agricultural commodities and forest products by guaranteeing loans, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per each such project, to public, private, or cooperative organizations organized for profit or nonprofit, or to individuals for a term not to exceed twenty years at a rate of interest agreed upon by the borrower and lender.

(c) Conditions

No loan may be guaranteed under this section unless (1) research indicates the total energy content of the products and byproducts to be manufactured by the loan applicant will exceed the total energy input from fossil fuels used in the manufacture of such products and byproducts, and (2) such other conditions as the Secretary deems appropriate to achieve the purposes of this section are met.

(d) Long-term contracts to supply agricultural commodities to loan recipients

In order to assure that the recipients of loans made under this section have a dependable supply of agricultural commodities at a stable price for use in the pilot projects provided for in this section, the Secretary is authorized to enter into long-term contracts, not exceeding five years, with the recipients of such loans. Such contracts shall guarantee the recipients of such loans a specified quantity of agricultural commodities annually at mutually agreed upon prices, but the agricultural commodities shall not be sold under any such contracts at less than the price support level prescribed for the commodity concerned unless the commodities

are out of condition, unstorable, or sample-grade or lower, as prescribed in Department of Agriculture standards.

(e) Commodity Credit Corporation stocks as supply sources; outside purchases

The Secretary shall supply from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks or, to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, purchase such quantities of agricultural commodities as may be necessary to comply with the terms of agreements entered into under this section.

(f) Commodity Credit Corporation

The provisions of this section shall be carried out through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

(Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 508, formerly § 509, as added Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1420, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 998; renumbered Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(b), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

§ 2670. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(b), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326

Section, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 510, as added Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1443, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1006, required an annual evaluation by Secretary of effectiveness of programs established under section 2662(c) and (d) of this title and submission of an annual report to Congress on that evaluation and operation of programs during previous year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 2671. Establishment of technical assistance program**(a) Definition**

In this section, the term “tribally designated housing entity” has the meaning given the term in section 4103 of title 25.

(b) In general

The Secretary shall, in coordination with the Office of Tribal Relations established under section 6921¹ of this title, provide technical assistance to improve access by Tribal entities to rural development programs funded by the Department of Agriculture through available cooperative agreement authorities of the Secretary.

(c) Technical assistance

Technical assistance provided under subsection (b) shall address the unique challenge of Tribal governments, Tribal producers, Tribal businesses, Tribal business entities, and tribally designated housing entities in accessing Department of Agriculture-supported rural infrastructure, rural cooperative development, rural business and industry, rural housing, and other rural development activities.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, § 6302, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4748.)

¹ See References in Text note below.