

**§ 5605. Independence of authorities**

Each authority granted under this chapter shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any authority granted to the Secretary or the Commodity Credit Corporation under any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §105, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3672.)

**§ 5606. Implementation of commitments under Uruguay Round Agreements**

Not later than September 30 of each year, the Secretary shall evaluate whether the obligations undertaken by foreign countries under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture are being fully implemented. If the Secretary has reason to believe (based on the evaluation) that any foreign country, by not implementing the obligations of the country, may be significantly constraining an opportunity for United States agricultural exports, the Secretary shall—

- (1) submit the evaluation to the United States Trade Representative; and
- (2) transmit a copy of the evaluation to the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Ways and Means, of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Committee on Finance, of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §106, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §242(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 964.)

**§ 5607. Exporter assistance initiative**

To provide a comprehensive source of information to facilitate exports of United States agricultural commodities, the Secretary shall maintain on a website on the Internet information to assist exporters and potential exporters of United States agricultural commodities.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title I, §107, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title III, §3101, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 288.)

**§ 5608. Foreign trade missions****(a) Tribal representation on trade missions****(1) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Tribal Advisory Committee established under subsection (b)(2) of section 6921 of this title (referred to in this section as the “Advisory Committee”), shall seek—

- (A) to support the greater inclusion of Tribal agricultural and food products in Federal trade-related activities; and
- (B) to increase the collaboration between Federal trade promotion efforts and other Federal trade-related activities in support of the greater inclusion sought under subparagraph (A).

**(2) Interdepartmental coordination**

In carrying out activities to increase the collaboration described in paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall coordinate with—

- (A) the Secretary of Commerce;
- (B) the Secretary of State;

- (C) the Secretary of the Interior; and
- (D) the heads of any other relevant Federal agencies.

**(b) Report; goals****(1) Report**

Not later than 2 years after December 20, 2018, the Secretary shall submit a report describing the efforts of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies under this section to—

- (A) the Advisory Committee;
- (B) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;
- (C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;
- (D) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate;
- (E) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and
- (F) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

**(2) Goals**

Not later than 90 days after December 20, 2018, the Secretary shall establish goals for measuring, in an objective and quantifiable format, the extent to which Indian Tribes and Tribal agricultural and food products are included in the trade-related activities of the Department of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title III, §3312, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4623.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, and not as part of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 which comprises this chapter.

## DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

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

## SUBCHAPTER II—AGRICULTURAL EXPORT PROGRAMS

## PART A—PROGRAMS

**§ 5621. Direct credit sales program****(a) Short-term program**

To promote the sale of agricultural commodities, the Commodity Credit Corporation may finance the commercial export sale of such commodities from privately owned stocks on credit terms for not to exceed a 3-year period.

**(b) Intermediate-term program**

Subject to subsection (c), to promote the sale of agricultural commodities the Commodity Credit Corporation may finance the commercial export sales of agricultural commodities from privately owned stocks on credit terms for a period of not less than 3 years nor in excess of 10 years in a manner that will directly benefit United States agricultural producers.

**(c) Determinations**

The Commodity Credit Corporation shall not finance an export sale under subsection (b) unless the Secretary determines that such sale will—