

Pub. L. 85-119, title V, §503, Aug. 2, 1957, 71 Stat. 340.

§ 2209h. Reimbursement of Office of the General Counsel

On and after November 10, 2005, agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture may utilize any unobligated salaries and expenses funds to reimburse the Office of the General Counsel for salaries and expenses of personnel, and for other related expenses, incurred in representing such agencies and offices in the resolution of complaints by employees or applicants for employment, and in cases and other matters pending before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, or the Merit Systems Protection Board with the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §732, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2154.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title VII, §736, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2844.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §732, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 35.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title VII, §739, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 43.

§ 2209i. Funding for preparation of final agency decisions regarding discrimination complaints

On and after November 10, 2005, agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture may utilize any available discretionary funds to cover the costs of preparing, or contracting for the preparation of, final agency decisions regarding complaints of discrimination in employment or program activities arising within such agencies and offices.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §751, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2156.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title VII, §763, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2847.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §762, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 39.

§ 2209j. Permanent debarment from participation in Department of Agriculture programs for fraud

(a) In general

Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture shall permanently debar an individual, organization, corporation, or other entity convicted of a felony for knowingly defrauding the United States in connection with any program administered by the Department of Agriculture from any subsequent participation in Department of Agriculture programs.

(b) Exceptions

(1) Secretary determination

The Secretary may reduce a debarment under subsection (a) to a period of not less

than 10 years if the Secretary considers it appropriate.

(2) Food assistance

A debarment under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to participation in domestic food assistance programs (as defined by the Secretary).

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14211, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1464; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14211, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2226.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 2209k. Prohibition on payments to fossil fuel refiners and importers

(a) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture may not use any funds, facilities, or authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation or the Department of Agriculture—

(1) to provide a payment to a refiner or importer (as those terms are defined in section 80.2 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations)); or

(2) to otherwise support, directly or indirectly, a refiner or importer (as so defined) in meeting any requirements under—

(A) the renewable fuel program under section 7545(o) of title 42; or

(B) any other provision of law that requires the blending of fossil fuel with renewable fuel.

(b) The exclusion in (a) shall not apply to any payments or support to producers, refiners, or importers of biofuel (as defined in section 8101 of this title).

(c) Moratorium on authorities relating to exchanges of agricultural products for petroleum products

The authorities under the ninth and tenth sentences of section 714b(h) of title 15 (relating to the availability of agricultural products for the Secretary of Energy to exchange for petroleum products and the terms and conditions of those exchanges, respectively) shall not be used during the 180-day period beginning on October 1, 2020.

(Pub. L. 116-159, div. D, title VI, §4604, Oct. 1, 2020, 134 Stat. 747.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 8101 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “7 U.S.C. 8101” but probably should have been a reference to section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-171, which is classified to section 8101 of this title.

§ 2210. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; appointment

There is established in the Department of Agriculture the position of Deputy Secretary of

Agriculture, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, title I, 48 Stat. 467; Pub. L. 94-561, §1(c)(1), Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2643.)

CODIFICATION

Provisions of this section which prescribed the basic compensation of the Under Secretary were omitted to conform to the provisions of act July 31, 1956. See section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section was formerly classified to section 514a of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-561 substituted “Deputy Secretary of Agriculture” for “Under Secretary of Agriculture”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-561 effective Oct. 19, 1976, see section 5 of Pub. L. 94-561, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953, Reorg. Plan No. 2, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

STATUS OF INCUMBENT UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Pub. L. 94-561, §1(d), Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2643, provided that: “The officer occupying the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture, on the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 19, 1976], may assume the duties of the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. The individual assuming such duties shall not be required to be reappointed by reason of the enactment of this Act.”

§ 2211. Powers and duties of Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to exercise the functions and perform the duties of the first assistant of the Secretary of Agriculture within the meaning of section 3345 of title 5 and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(June 5, 1939, ch. 181, 53 Stat. 809; Pub. L. 94-561, §1(c)(2), Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2643.)

CODIFICATION

“Section 3345 of title 5” substituted in text for “section 177 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U.S.C., title 5, sec. 4)” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section was formerly classified to section 514b of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

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section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 2211a. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §501(a), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1691, which related to establishment in Department of Agriculture of position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, was omitted in the complete revision of Pub. L. 95-501 by Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3668. See section 5691 of this title.

REDESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §501(c), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1691, which prohibited the use of the designation of “Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs” after Oct. 21, 1978, was omitted in the complete revision of Pub. L. 95-501 by Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3668.

§§ 2211b to 2212c. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §§ 218(e)(2)-(6), 231(f)(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3213, 3219

Section 2211b, Pub. L. 96-355, §3(a), Sept. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 1173, authorized appointment of an Under Secretary of Agriculture for Small Community and Rural Development.

Section 2212, acts Feb. 9, 1889, ch. 122, §2, 25 Stat. 659; June 30, 1906, ch. 3913, 34 Stat. 670, authorized appointment of an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2212a, Pub. L. 92-419, title VI, §604(a), Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 676, authorized appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2212b, Pub. L. 94-561, §2, Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2643, authorized appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2212c, Pub. L. 97-325, §8(a), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1605, authorized appointment of an additional Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

§ 2213. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, acts June 5, 1952, ch. 369, ch. XI, §1101, 66 Stat. 121; 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §3, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633; June 28, 1955, ch. 189, §12(c)(16), 69 Stat. 182; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-426, title III, §307, 78 Stat. 432, related to the position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration established by section 3 of Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953. Section 3 of Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953 was repealed by Pub. L. 97-325, §8(d), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1606. See section 2212c of this title.

Section was formerly classified to section 517b of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

§ 2214. General Counsel; appointment

(a) The President shall appoint on and after July 31, 1956, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The existing office of General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture shall be abolished effective upon the appointment and qualification of the General Counsel provided for by subsection (a) or April 1, 1957, whichever is earlier.

(July 31, 1956, ch. 804, title III, §301, 70 Stat. 742.)