

**(e) Information provided to Secretary of Commerce**

This section shall not prohibit the release of information under section 2204g(f)(2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XVII, §1770, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1657; Pub. L. 105-113, §4(a)(2), (b), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2276; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(3) [title III, §348], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-207; Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §2004(b), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 236; Pub. L. 115-334, title X, §10109(d), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4907.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 10109 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, referred to in subsec. (d)(13), is section 10109 of Pub. L. 115-334, which relates to a multiple crop and pesticide use survey. Subsecs. (a) to (c) of section 10109 are not classified to the Code. Subsec. (d) of section 10109 amended this section.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, §10109(d)(1)(A), inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115-334, §10109(d)(1)(B), substituted “paragraph (12) or (13) of subsection (d)” for “subsection (d)(12)”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-334, §10109(d)(2)(A), inserted heading.

Subsec. (d)(13). Pub. L. 115-334, §10109(d)(2)(B)-(D), added par. (13).

2002—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 107-171, §2004(b)(1), added par. (3).

Subsec. (d)(12). Pub. L. 107-171, §2004(b)(2), added par. (12).

1999—Subsec. (d)(10), (11). Pub. L. 106-113 added par. (10) and redesignated former par. (10) as (11).

1997—Subsec. (d)(10). Pub. L. 105-113, §4(a)(2), added par. (10).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-113, §4(b), added subsec. (e).

**§ 2277. Contracts by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for services to be performed abroad**

Funds available to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) under this and subsequent appropriations shall be available for contracting with individuals for services to be performed outside of the United States, as determined by APHIS to be necessary or appropriate for carrying out programs and activities abroad. Such individuals shall not be regarded as officers or employees of the United States under any law administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

(Pub. L. 102-142, title VII, §737, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 915.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

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

Pub. L. 101-506, title VI, §641, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1350.

**§ 2278. Consistency with international obligations of United States**

**(a) In general**

Prior to the promulgation of, or amendment to, any order or plan under a research and promotion program relating to research and promotion of any agricultural commodity or product, after November 28, 1990, where such order or

plan would provide for an assessment on imports, the Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the United States Trade Representative regarding the consistency of the provisions of the order or plan with the international obligations of the United States.

**(b) Compliance with U.S. international obligations**

The Secretary of Agriculture shall take all steps necessary and appropriate to ensure that any order or plan or amendment to such order or plan, and the implementation and enforcement of any order or plan or amendment to such order or plan, or program as it relates to imports is nondiscriminatory and in compliance with the international obligations of the United States, as interpreted by the United States Trade Representative.

**(c) Construction**

Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing for a cause of action under this section.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1999T, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3928.)

**§ 2279. Farming opportunities training and outreach**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Agricultural programs**

The term “agricultural programs” are those established or authorized by—

(A) the Agricultural Act of 1949 [7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.];

(B) the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act [7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.];

(C) the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 [7 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.];

(D) the Soil Conservation Act;

(E) the Domestic Allotment Assistance Act;

(F) the Food Security Act of 1985; and

(G) other such Acts as the Secretary deems appropriate.

**(2) Beginning farmer or rancher**

The term “beginning farmer or rancher” means a person that—

(A)(i) has not operated a farm or ranch; or

(ii) has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years; and

(B) meets such other criteria as the Secretary may establish.

**(3) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(4) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(5) Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher**

The term “socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher” means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

**(6) Socially disadvantaged group**

The term “socially disadvantaged group” means a group whose members have been sub-