

conducted by the Secretary as part of the Federal agency management control system.

**(e) Audits**

**(1) Periodic audits conducted by Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture**

Not later than 2 years after the effective date described in subsection (j), and not less often than every 3 years thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall conduct an audit of each activity taken by the Secretary under this section for the period covered by the audit to determine compliance with this section.

**(2) Audit conducted by Comptroller General of the United States**

Not earlier than 3 years, nor later than 5 years, after the date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct an audit of the implementation of this section to determine—

(A) the effectiveness of the implementation of this section; and

(B) the number of selected establishments selected by the Secretary to ship carcasses, portions of carcasses, or meat items under this section.

**(f) Technical assistance division**

**(1) Establishment**

Not later than 180 days after the effective date described in subsection (j), the Secretary shall establish in the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture a technical assistance division to coordinate the initiatives of any other appropriate agency of the Department of Agriculture to provide—

(A) outreach, education, and training to very small or certain small establishments (as defined by the Secretary); and

(B) grants to appropriate State agencies to provide outreach, technical assistance, education, and training to very small or certain small establishments (as defined by the Secretary).

**(2) Personnel**

The technical assistance division shall be comprised of individuals that, as determined by the Secretary—

(A) are of a quantity sufficient to carry out the duties of the technical assistance division; and

(B) possess appropriate qualifications and expertise relating to the duties of the technical assistance division.

**(g) Transition grants**

The Secretary may provide grants to appropriate State agencies to assist the appropriate State agencies in helping establishments covered by subchapter III to transition to selected establishments.

**(h) Violations**

Any selected establishment that the Secretary determines to be in violation of any requirement of this chapter shall be transitioned to a Federal establishment in accordance with a procedure developed by the Secretary under subsection (b)(3)(A).

**(i) Effect**

Nothing in this section limits the jurisdiction of the Secretary with respect to the regulation of meat and meat products under this chapter.

**(j) Effective date**

**(1) In general**

This section takes effect on the date on which the Secretary, after providing a period of public comment (including through the conduct of public meetings or hearings), promulgates final regulations to carry out this section.

**(2) Requirement**

Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall promulgate final regulations in accordance with paragraph (1).

(Mar. 4, 1907, ch. 2907, title V, § 501, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, § 11015(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1362, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XI, § 11015(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2124.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsecs. (b)(2)(B), (C)(ii), (iii), (3)(B)(i), (e)(2), and (j)(2), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

Final regulations to carry out this section, referred to in subsec. (j)(1), were published in the Federal Register on May 2, 2011, eff. July 1, 2011; see 76 F.R. 24752.

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.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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 Title 7, Agriculture.

SUBCHAPTER V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**§ 691. Omitted**

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 90-201, § 17, Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 600; Pub. L. 103-437, § 8(3), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4588, which required the Secretary of Agriculture to report annually to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on the slaughter of animals and the processing and distribution of carcasses and products, terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, page 46 of House Document No. 103-7.

**§ 692. Inspection extended to reindeer**

The provisions of the meat-inspection law may be extended to the inspection of reindeer.

(June 30, 1914, ch. 131, 38 Stat. 420.)