

duction and spread of diseases and parasites harmful to honeybees, the introduction of genetically undesirable germ plasm of honeybees, or the introduction and spread of undesirable species or subspecies of honeybees and the semen of honeybees.

**(b) Regulations**

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Treasury are each authorized to prescribe such regulations as the respective Secretary determines necessary to carry out this section.

**(c) Enforcement**

Honeybees or honeybee semen offered for importation into, intercepted entering, or having entered the United States, other than in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be destroyed or immediately exported.

**(d) "Honeybee" defined**

As used in this chapter, the term "honeybee" means all life stages and the germ plasm of honeybees of the genus *Apis*, except honeybee semen.

(Aug. 31, 1922, ch. 301, §1, 42 Stat. 833; Pub. L. 87-539, §1, July 19, 1962, 76 Stat. 169; Pub. L. 94-319, §1, June 25, 1976, 90 Stat. 709; Pub. L. 103-182, title III, §361(d)(2), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2123; Pub. L. 103-465, title IV, §431(e), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4968.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-465 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for former subsecs. (a) to (e) restricting importation of honeybees and honeybee semen into United States, providing for promulgation of rules and regulations as to such importation, providing for destruction or immediate exportation of non-expected honeybees or honeybee semen offered for import or intercepted, and defining "honeybee".

1993—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 103-182, §361(d)(2)(A), added par. (3).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-182, §361(d)(2)(B), inserted "(1)" after "only from" and added cl. (2).

1976—Pub. L. 94-319 incorporated existing provisions, which related only to honeybees, into subsecs. (a) to (e) relating to honeybees and honeybee semen, making honeybee provisions applicable to all life stages and the germ plasm of honeybees instead of only to honeybees in the adult stage, restating purpose of prohibiting importation of honeybees and restating conditions to be determined by Secretary of Agriculture with respect to countries from which honeybees may be imported.

1962—Pub. L. 87-539 enlarged prohibition against importation of honeybees to include the honeybee of the genus *Apis* instead of only the honeybee *Apis mellifica* and restricted permission to import the honeybee to countries which take adequate precautions to prevent importation of honeybees from countries where dangerous diseases exist.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement with respect to the United States (Jan. 1, 1995), except as otherwise provided, see section 451 of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3601 of Title 19, Customs Duties.

SHORT TITLE

Act Aug. 31, 1922, as amended, which is classified to this chapter, is popularly known as the "Honeybee Act".

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to agricultural import and entry inspection activities under this section to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 231, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 282. Punishment for unlawful importation**

Any person who violates any provision of section 281 of this title or any regulation issued under it is guilty of an offense against the United States and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(Aug. 31, 1922, ch. 301, §2, 42 Stat. 834; Pub. L. 94-319, §2, June 25, 1976, 90 Stat. 709.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-319 inserted reference to regulations, substituted characterization of violation as offense against the United States for characterization as a misdemeanor, increased maximum fine to \$1,000 from \$500 and struck out provision relating to discretion of the court.

**§ 283. Propagation of stock and release of germ plasm**

The Secretary of Agriculture may propagate bee-breeding stock and may release bee germ plasm to the public.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title I, §103, 58 Stat. 735; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §3(1), 65 Stat. 708; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1120, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1273.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

This section was not enacted as part of act Aug. 31, 1922, which comprises this chapter.

Provisions similar to this section were contained in the following prior Department of Agriculture Appropriation Acts:

June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 439.

July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 407.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 inserted "and may release bee germ plasm to the public".

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, struck out provisions relating to sale of surplus bee-breeding stock, and the fixing of rates and disposition of proceeds in connection therewith.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

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

**§ 284. Eradication and control of undesirable species and subspecies**

**(a) Operations in United States**

The Secretary of Agriculture either independently or in cooperation with States or political

subdivisions thereof, farmers' associations, and similar organizations and individuals, is authorized to carry out operations or measures in the United States to eradicate, suppress, control, and to prevent or retard the spread of undesirable species and subspecies of honeybees.

**(b) Cooperation with certain foreign governments; measure and character; consultation with Secretary of State**

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cooperate with the Governments of Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia, or the local authorities thereof, in carrying out necessary research, surveys, and control operations in those countries in connection with the eradication, suppression, control, and prevention or retardation of the spread of undesirable species and subspecies of honeybees, including but not limited to *Apis mellifera adansonii*, commonly known as the African or Brazilian honeybee. The measure and character of cooperation carried out under this subsection on the part of such countries, including the expenditure or use of funds appropriated pursuant to this chapter, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Arrangements for the cooperation authorized by this subsection shall be made through and in consultation with the Secretary of State.

**(c) Responsibility for authority to carry out operations**

In performing the operations or measures authorized in this chapter, the cooperating foreign country, State, or local agency shall be responsible for the authority to carry out such operations or measures on all lands and properties within the foreign country or State, other than those owned or controlled by the Federal Government of the United States, and for such other facilities and means as in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture are necessary.

(Aug. 31, 1922, ch. 301, § 3, as added Pub. L. 94-319, § 3, June 25, 1976, 90 Stat. 709.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**INDEMNIFICATION FOR BEEKEEPERS**

Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, § 804, Nov. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1382, as amended by Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(27)(A), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 237; Pub. L. 95-113, title II, § 207, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 921, authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to make indemnity payments, based on net loss, to beekeepers who through no fault of their own lost honey bees after Jan. 1, 1967, as a result of utilization of economic poisons, registered and approved for use by the Federal Government, near or adjacent to the beehives, with this section expired after Sept. 30, 1981.

**§ 285. Uses of funds**

Funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of this chapter may also be used for printing and binding without regard to section 501 of title 44 for employment, by contract or otherwise, of civilian nationals of Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia for services abroad, and for the construction and operation of research laboratories, quarantine stations, and other buildings and facilities.

(Aug. 31, 1922, ch. 301, § 4, as added Pub. L. 94-319, § 3, June 25, 1976, 90 Stat. 710.)

**§ 286. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1922, ch. 301, § 5, as added Pub. L. 94-319, § 3, June 25, 1976, 90 Stat. 710.)

**CHAPTER 12—ASSOCIATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PRODUCERS**

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**§ 291. Authorization of associations; powers**

Persons engaged in the production of agricultural products as farmers, planters, ranchmen, dairymen, nut or fruit growers may act together in associations, corporate or otherwise, with or without capital stock, in collectively processing, preparing for market, handling, and marketing in interstate and foreign commerce, such products of persons so engaged. Such associations may have marketing agencies in common; and such associations and their members may make the necessary contracts and agreements to effect such purposes: *Provided, however,* That such associations are operated for the mutual benefit of the members thereof, as such producers, and conform to one or both of the following requirements:

First. That no member of the association is allowed more than one vote because of the amount of stock or membership capital he may own therein, or,

Second. That the association does not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of 8 per centum per annum.

And in any case to the following:

Third. That the association shall not deal in the products of nonmembers to an amount greater in value than such as are handled by it for members.

(Feb. 18, 1922, ch. 57, § 1, 42 Stat. 388.)

**§ 292. Monopolizing or restraining trade and unduly enhancing prices prohibited; remedy and procedure**

If the Secretary of Agriculture shall have reason to believe that any such association monopolizes or restrains trade in interstate or foreign commerce to such an extent that the price of any agricultural product is unduly enhanced by reason thereof, he shall serve upon such association a complaint stating his charge in that respect, to which complaint shall be attached, or contained therein, a notice of hearing, specifying a day and place not less than thirty days after the service thereof, requiring the association to show cause why an order should not be made directing it to cease and desist from monopolization or restraint of trade. An association so complained of may at the time and place so fixed show cause why such order should not be entered. The evidence given on such a hearing