

SUBCHAPTER V—SALE OF UNCERTIFIED  
SEED OF PROTECTED VARIETY

**§ 1611. Illegal sales of uncertified seed**

It shall be unlawful in the United States or in interstate or foreign commerce to sell or offer for sale or advertise, by variety name, seed not certified by an official seed certifying agency, when it is a variety for which a certificate of plant variety protection under the Plant Variety Protection Act [7 U.S.C. 2321 et seq.] specifies sale only as a class of certified seed: *Provided*, That seed from a certified lot may be labeled as to variety name when used in a mixture by, or with the approval of, the owners of the variety.

(Aug. 9, 1939, ch. 615, title V, § 501, as added Pub. L. 91-577, title III, § 142(a), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1558; amended Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, § 1118, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1272.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Plant Variety Protection Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 91-577, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1542, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 57 (§ 2321 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2321 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted “sell or offer for sale or advertise, by variety name, seed” for “sell by variety name seed”, “certifying agency, when” for “certifying agency when”, and “owners of the variety” for “owner of the variety”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

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

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 24, 1970, see section 141 of Pub. L. 91-577, set out as a note under section 2321 of this title.

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