

Subsec. (f)(2)(B) to (E). Pub. L. 114-113, § 759(b)(2), redesignated subpars. (D) and (E) as (B) and (C), respectively, and struck out former subpars. (B) and (C), which read as follows:

“(B) the voluntary country of origin beef labeling system carried out under this Act;

“(C) voluntary programs established to certify certain premium beef cuts:”.

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-79, § 12104(b)(2)(A), substituted “goat, and venison” for “and goat” in heading.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A), (B)(i), (C), (D). Pub. L. 113-79, § 12104(b)(2)(B), substituted “goat, or venison” for “or goat”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(E). Pub. L. 113-79, § 12104(b)(2)(C), substituted “goat, and venison” for “and goat” in heading and “ground goat, or ground venison” for “or ground goat” wherever appearing in text.

2008—Subsec. (a)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11002(2)(A), added pars. (2) to (4) and struck out former pars. (2) and (3) which related to designation of United States as country of origin for beef, lamb, pork, fish, perishable agricultural commodities, and peanuts, and requirement that notice of country of origin for fish shall distinguish between wild and farm-raised fish.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11002(2)(B), added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may require that any person that prepares, stores, handles, or distributes a covered commodity for retail sale maintain a verifiable recordkeeping audit trail that will permit the Secretary to verify compliance with this subchapter (including the regulations promulgated under section 1638c(b) of this title).”

2002—Subsec. (a)(2)(D). Pub. L. 107-206 amended subpar. (D) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (D) read as follows: “in the case of wild fish, is—

“(i) harvested in waters of the United States, a territory of the United States, or a State; and

“(ii) processed in the United States, a territory of the United States, or a State, including the waters thereof; and”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment 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 an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

#### § 1638b. Enforcement

##### (a) Warnings

If the Secretary determines that a retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer is in violation of section 1638a of this title, the Secretary shall—

(1) notify the retailer<sup>1</sup> of the determination of the Secretary; and

(2) provide the retailer<sup>1</sup> a 30-day period, beginning on the date on which the retailer<sup>1</sup> receives the notice under paragraph (1) from the Secretary, during which the retailer<sup>1</sup> may take necessary steps to comply with section 1638a of this title.

##### (b) Fines

If, on completion of the 30-day period described in subsection (a)(2), the Secretary determines that the retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer has—

(1) not made a good faith effort to comply with section 1638a of this title, and

(2) continues to willfully violate section 1638a of this title with respect to the violation about which the retailer or person received notification under subsection (a)(1),

after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Secretary with respect to the violation, the Secretary may fine the retailer or person in an amount of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 283, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, § 11002(3), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1354; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XI, § 11002(3), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2116.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

##### AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, § 11002(3), redesignated subsec. (b) as (a) and substituted “retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer” for “retailer” in introductory provisions, added subsec. (b), and struck out former subsecs. (a) and (c) which related to applicability of section 1636b of this title to a violation of this subchapter and fine for violation of section 1638a of this title. The substitution in subsec. (a) was made for “retailer” the first time appearing to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment 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 an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

#### § 1638c. Regulations

##### (a) Guidelines

Not later than September 30, 2002, the Secretary shall issue guidelines for the voluntary country of origin labeling of covered commodities based on the requirements of section 1638a of this title.

##### (b) Regulations

Not later than September 30, 2004, the Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this subchapter.

##### (c) Partnerships with States

In promulgating the regulations, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, enter into partnerships with States with enforcement infrastructure to assist in the administration of this subchapter.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 284, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535.)

#### § 1638d. Applicability

This subchapter shall apply to the retail sale of a covered commodity beginning September 30,

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “retailer or person”.

2008, except for “farm-raised fish” and “wild fish” which shall be September 30, 2004.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §285, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §749, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §792, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2164.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-97 substituted “2008” for “2006”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-199 substituted “2006, except for ‘farm-raised fish’ and ‘wild fish’ which shall be September 30, 2004” for “2004”.

### SUBCHAPTER V—NATIONAL BIOENGINEERED FOOD DISCLOSURE STANDARD

#### § 1639. Definitions

In this subchapter:

##### (1) Bioengineering

The term “bioengineering”, and any similar term, as determined by the Secretary, with respect to a food, refers to a food—

(A) that contains genetic material that has been modified through in vitro recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) techniques; and

(B) for which the modification could not otherwise be obtained through conventional breeding or found in nature.

##### (2) Food

The term “food” means a food (as defined in section 321 of title 21) that is intended for human consumption.

##### (3) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §291, as added Pub. L. 114-216, §1, July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 834.)

#### § 1639a. Applicability

##### (a) In general

This subchapter shall apply to any claim in a disclosure that a food bears that indicates that the food is a bioengineered food.

##### (b) Application of definition

The definition of the term “bioengineering” under section 1639 of this title shall not affect any other definition, program, rule, or regulation of the Federal Government.

##### (c) Application to foods

This subchapter shall apply only to a food subject to—

(1) the labeling requirements under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.); or

(2) the labeling requirements under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), or the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.) only if—

(A) the most predominant ingredient of the food would independently be subject to the labeling requirements under the Federal

Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.); or

(B)(i) the most predominant ingredient of the food is broth, stock, water, or a similar solution; and

(ii) the second-most predominant ingredient of the food would independently be subject to the labeling requirements under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §292, as added Pub. L. 114-216, §1, July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 834.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), (2)(A), (B)(ii), is act June 25, 1938, ch. 675, 52 Stat. 1040, which is classified generally to chapter 9 (§301 et seq.) of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 301 of Title 21 and Tables.

The Federal Meat Inspection Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), is titles I to IV of act Mar. 4, 1907, ch. 2907, as added Pub. L. 90-201, Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 584, which are classified generally to subchapters I to IV (§601 et seq.) of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of Title 21 and Tables.

The Poultry Products Inspection Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), is Pub. L. 85-172, Aug. 28, 1957, 71 Stat. 441, which is classified generally to chapter 10 (§451 et seq.) of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 451 of Title 21 and Tables.

The Egg Products Inspection Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), is Pub. L. 91-597, Dec. 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 1620, which is classified principally to chapter 15 (§1031 et seq.) of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1031 of Title 21 and Tables.

#### § 1639b. Establishment of national bioengineered food disclosure standard

##### (a) Establishment of mandatory standard

Not later than 2 years after July 29, 2016, the Secretary shall—

(1) establish a national mandatory bioengineered food disclosure standard with respect to any bioengineered food and any food that may be bioengineered; and

(2) establish such requirements and procedures as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the standard.

##### (b) Regulations

###### (1) In general

A food may bear a disclosure that the food is bioengineered only in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary in accordance with this subchapter.

###### (2) Requirements

A regulation promulgated by the Secretary in carrying out this subchapter shall—

(A) prohibit a food derived from an animal to be considered a bioengineered food solely because the animal consumed feed produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered substance;

(B) determine the amounts of a bioengineered substance that may be present in food, as appropriate, in order for the food to be a bioengineered food;