

Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Program on Least-Developed and Net-Food Importing Developing Countries, the United States reaffirms the commitment of the United States to providing food aid to developing countries.

**(b) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) in negotiations at the Food Aid Convention, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and other appropriate venues, the President shall—

(A) seek commitments of higher levels of food aid by donors in order to meet the legitimate needs of developing countries;

(B) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that humanitarian nongovernmental organizations, recipient country governments, charitable bodies, and international organizations shall continue—

(i) to be eligible to receive resources based on assessments of need conducted by those organizations and entities; and

(ii) to implement food aid programs in agreements with donor countries; and

(C) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that options for providing food aid for emergency and nonemergency needs shall not be subject to limitation, including in-kind commodities, provision of funds for agricultural commodity procurement, and monetization of commodities, on the condition that the provision of those commodities or funds—

(i) is based on assessments of need and intended to benefit the food security of, or otherwise assist, recipients, and

(ii) is provided in a manner that avoids disincentives to local agricultural production and marketing and with minimal potential for disruption of commercial markets; and

(2) the United States should increase its contribution of bona fide food assistance to developing countries consistent with the Agreement on Agriculture.

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, §3, as added Pub. L. 94-161, title II, §202, Dec. 20, 1975, 89 Stat. 851; amended Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1512, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3633; Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §201(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3003, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1821.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-246 reenacted introductory provisions without change, added par. (1), and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “the President should initiate consultations with other donor nations to consider appropriate levels of food aid commitments to meet the legitimate needs of developing countries; and”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “Food aid to developing countries” for “Global food aid needs” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In view of the principal findings of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences that doubling food aid

above 1990 levels of about 10,000,000 metric tons per year would be necessary to meet projected global food needs throughout the decade of the nineties, it is the sense of Congress that the President should—

“(1) increase the contributions of food aid by the United States, and encourage other donor countries to increase their contributions toward meeting new food aid requirements; and

“(2) encourage other advanced nations to make increased food aid contributions to combat world hunger and malnutrition, particularly through the expansion of international food and agricultural assistance programs.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-624 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions urging President to maintain United States food assistance and encourage other countries to increase their contributions, in order to meet annual goal of World Food Conference of providing 10,000,000 tons of food assistance annually for needy nations.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, see section 4(b) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-624 effective Jan. 1, 1991, see section 1513 of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as a note under section 1691 of this title.

**WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Pub. L. 94-161, title II, §213, Dec. 20, 1975, 89 Stat. 855, directed the President to strengthen the efforts of the United States to carry out the recommendations of the World Food Conference and to submit a detailed report to the Congress not later than Nov. 1, 1976, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-113, title VII, §734(a)(7), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1560.

**SUBCHAPTER I—BARTER**

**§ 1692. Transferred**

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section, act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title III, §310, formerly §303, 68 Stat. 459, as amended and renumbered, which related to bartering authority of Secretary, was transferred to section 1727g of this title.

**§§ 1693 to 1697. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-808, §2(D), Nov. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 1535**

Section 1693, acts July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title III, §304, 68 Stat. 459; Aug. 13, 1957, Pub. L. 85-128, §1(6), 71 Stat. 345; Oct. 8, 1964, Pub. L. 88-638, §1(16), 78 Stat. 1037, provided for assistance to friendly nations in being independent of Russian or Communist Chinese trade, prevention of increased availability of commodities to unfriendly nations, and nonauthorization of transactions with Russia or Communist China. See section 1703(j) of this title.

Section 1694, acts July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title III, §305, 68 Stat. 459; Sept. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-341, title I, §10, 73 Stat. 607, provided for identification of packages and containers by appropriate markings. See section 1722 of this title.

Section 1695, act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title III, §306, as added Sept. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-341, title I, §11, 73 Stat. 608, provided for distribution of surplus food commodities to needy persons in United States; authorization, term of program, and cost limitation; duties of Secretary of Agriculture; issuance of food stamps and their redemption; receipt of benefits not deemed in-

come or resources under provisions of other laws; availability of surplus foods for distribution; definition of needy person; report to Congress; and authorization of appropriations. See Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program classified to chapter 51 of this title.

Section 1696, act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title III, §307, as added Sept. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-341, title I, §12, 73 Stat. 609, provided for availability of surplus commodities for distribution to needy families and persons in United States. See Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program classified to chapter 51 of this title and provisions of section 1721 et seq. of this title relating to donations of food on a government-to-government basis and through voluntary organizations.

Section 1697, act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title III, §308, as added Sept. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-341, title I, §13, 73 Stat. 609; amended Sept. 27, 1962, Pub. L. 87-703, title II, §203, 76 Stat. 611, related to disposal of animal fats and edible oils. See section 1721 et seq. of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 1, 1967, see section 5 of Pub. L. 89-808, set out as an Effective Date of 1966 Amendment note under section 1691 of this title.

#### SUBCHAPTER II—ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND FOOD SECURITY

### § 1701. Economic assistance and food security

#### (a) In general

The President shall establish a program under this subchapter to provide for the sale of agricultural commodities to developing countries and private entities for dollars on credit terms, or for local currencies (including for local currencies on credit terms) for use under this subchapter. Such program shall be implemented by the Secretary.

#### (b) General authority

To carry out the policies and accomplish the objectives described in section 1691 of this title, the Secretary may negotiate and execute agreements with developing countries and private entities to finance the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities to such countries and entities.

(July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title I, §101, 68 Stat. 455; Pub. L. 85-931, §1, Sept. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 1790; Pub. L. 87-128, title II, §201(1), Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 306; Pub. L. 88-205, pt. IV, §403(a), Dec. 16, 1963, 77 Stat. 390; Pub. L. 88-638, §1(1), (2), Oct. 8, 1964, 78 Stat. 1035; Pub. L. 89-808, §2(B), Nov. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 1526; Pub. L. 97-113, title IV, §401(1), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1537; Pub. L. 99-198, title XI, §1111(c), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1474; Pub. L. 100-202, §8, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-447; Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1512, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3633; Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §202, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 110-246, title III, §3004(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1822.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246 substituted “Economic assistance and food security” for “Trade and development assistance” in section catchline.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-127, §202(1), inserted “and private entities” after “developing countries”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-127 inserted “and private entities” after “developing countries” and “and entities” after “such countries”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-624 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions authorizing President to negotiate agreements with friendly countries for sales of commodities for dollars on credit terms, or for foreign currencies, on credit or on terms permitting conversion to dollars, setting minimum level for sales in foreign currencies, limiting extent of sales for foreign currency to amounts that can be productively used in private sector of foreign country, and requiring that sales for foreign currency through financial intermediaries be on terms and conditions specified in agreements.

1987—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-202, §8(1), inserted provisions which required for each of fiscal years 1988 through 1990 that each agreement provide for some sale of foreign currencies for use under section 1708 of this title unless the President determines that the level of agricultural commodities furnished under this subchapter will be significantly reduced as a result of this sentence.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-202, §8(2), inserted “, or enter into sales agreements not providing for sales for foreign currencies for use under section 1708 of this title,” after “currencies”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 in amending section generally, incorporated existing text in provisions designated subsec. (a) and added subsecs. (b) to (d).

1981—Pub. L. 97-113 substituted “, to the extent that sales for dollars under the terms applicable to such sales are not possible, for foreign currencies on credit terms and on terms which permit conversion to dollars at the exchange rate applicable to the sales agreement” for “for foreign currencies”.

1966—Pub. L. 89-808 substituted “agreements with friendly countries to provide for the sale of agricultural commodities for dollars on credit terms or for foreign currencies” for “agreements with friendly nations or organizations of friendly nations to provide for the sale of surplus agricultural commodities for foreign currencies” and struck out subsecs. (a) to (d), (f), and (g), relating to safeguarding usual marketings and disruption of world prices and normal patterns of commercial trade with friendly countries, use of private channels to maximum extent practicable, development and expansion of foreign markets, restrictive commitments from participating countries, exchange rates, and currency conversion, now covered by section 1703(c), (e) to (h), and (m)(1) of this title, respectively, and subsec. (e), relating to maximum opportunity for friendly nation to purchase surplus agricultural commodities.

1964—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 88-638, §1(1), inserted “, and which are not less favorable than the highest of exchange rates obtainable by any other nation”, and struck out “from the government or agencies thereof” before “in the respective countries”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 88-638, §1(2), added subsec. (g).

1963—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 88-205 substituted “the highest of exchange rates legally obtainable from the Government or agencies thereof” for “the rates at which United States Government agencies can buy currencies from the United States disbursing officers”.

1961—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 87-128 added subsec. (f).

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-931 required President to take reasonable precautions to assure that sales of surplus commodities would not disrupt normal patterns of commercial trade with friendly countries.

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