

**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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section 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.

**§ 1726. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title III, § 3006, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 282**

Section, act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, title II, §206, as added Pub. L. 94-161, title II, §209, Dec. 20, 1975, 89 Stat. 854; amended Pub. L. 95-88, title II, §210, Aug. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 548; Pub. L. 96-53, title II, §203, Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 368; Pub. L. 99-198, title XI, §1112(a)(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1478; Pub. L. 100-202, §§12, 13, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-448; Pub. L. 100-418, title IV, §4610(d), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1411; Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1512, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3640, related to maximum level of expenditures.

**§ 1726a. Administration****(a) Proposals****(1) Recipient countries**

A proposal to enter into a nonemergency food assistance agreement under this subchapter shall identify the recipient country or countries that are the subject of the agreement.

**(2) Timing**

Not later than 120 days after the date of receipt by the Administrator of a proposal submitted by an eligible organization under this subchapter, the Administrator shall determine whether to accept the proposal.

**(3) Denial**

If a proposal under paragraph (1) is denied, the response shall specify the reasons for denial.

**(b) Notice and comment**

Not later than 30 days prior to the issuance of a final guideline or annual policy guidance to carry out this subchapter, the Administrator shall—

(1) provide notice of the existence of a proposed guideline or annual policy guidance, and that such guideline or annual policy guidance is available for review and comment, to eligible organizations that participate in programs under this subchapter, and to other interested persons;

(2) make the proposed guideline or annual policy guidance available, on request, to the eligible organizations and other persons referred to in paragraph (1); and

(3) take any comments received into consideration prior to the issuance of the final guideline or annual policy guidance.

**(c) Regulations and guidance****(1) In general**

The Administrator shall promptly issue all necessary regulations and make revisions to

agency guidelines with respect to changes in the operation or implementation of the program established under this subchapter. Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the Administrator shall issue all regulations and revisions to agency guidance necessary to implement the amendments made to this subchapter by such Act.

**(2) Requirements**

The Administrator shall develop regulations and guidance with the intent of—

(A) simplifying procedures for participation in the programs established under this subchapter;

(B) reducing paperwork requirements under such programs;

(C) establishing reasonable and realistic accountability standards to be applied to eligible organizations participating in the programs established under this subchapter, taking into consideration the problems associated with carrying out programs in developing countries; and

(D) providing flexibility for carrying out programs under this subchapter.

**(d) Timely provision of commodities**

The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall develop procedures that ensure expedited processing of commodity call forwards in order to provide commodities overseas in a timely manner and to the extent feasible, according to planned delivery schedules.

**(e) Timely approval**

The Administrator is encouraged to finalize program agreements and resource requests for programs under this section before the beginning of each fiscal year.

**(f) Program oversight, monitoring, and evaluation****(1) Duties of Administrator**

The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish systems and carry out activities—

(A) to determine the need for assistance provided under this subchapter; and

(B) to improve, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the assistance provided under this subchapter to maximize the impact of the assistance.

**(2) Requirements of systems and activities**

The systems and activities described in paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) program monitors in countries that receive assistance under this subchapter;

(B) country and regional food aid impact evaluations;

(C) the identification and implementation of best practices for food aid programs;

(D) the evaluation of monetization programs;

(E) early warning assessments and systems to help prevent famines; and

(F) maintenance of information technology systems.

**(3) Contract authority****(A) In general**

Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), in carrying out administrative and manage-