

3690; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, §316, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-237, §316, made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 101-624, §1532, which enacted this section, resulting in no change in text.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS; AGRICULTURAL COUNSELORS AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHÉS

§ 1761. Foreign markets; collection of information

For the purpose of encouraging and promoting the marketing of agricultural commodities of the United States and assisting American farmers, processors, distributors, and exporters to adjust their operations and practices to meet world conditions, the Secretary of Agriculture shall acquire information regarding the competition and demand for United States agricultural commodities, the marketing and distribution of such commodities in foreign countries and shall be responsible for the interpretation and dissemination of such information in the United States and shall make investigations abroad regarding the factors affecting and influencing the export of United States agricultural commodities, and shall conduct abroad any other activities including the demonstration of

standards of quality for American agricultural commodities for which the Department of Agriculture now has or in the future may have such standards, as he deems necessary. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from conducting abroad any activity for which authority now exists.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, §601, 68 Stat. 908; Pub. L. 95-501, title III, §301(3), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-501 substituted "agricultural commodities" for "agricultural products" in four places and substituted "such commodities" for "said products".

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

WORLD LIVESTOCK MARKET PRICE INFORMATION

Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1545, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3695, directed Secretary of Agriculture to develop appropriate methodology for determining world price of livestock and livestock products, to gather and analyze appropriate price and cost of production information concerning such products in foreign countries for purpose of price discovery and to aid in sale of livestock and livestock products in foreign export markets, and to periodically publish such information, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §273, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 976.

IMPLEMENTATION OF 1978 AMENDMENT; REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 95-501, title VI, §601, Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1691, which required Secretary of Agriculture to implement provisions of Pub. L. 95-501 as expeditiously as possible, was omitted and a new section 601 of Pub. L. 95-501 added as part of the complete revision of Pub. L. 95-501 by Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3668. See chapter 87 (§5601 et seq.) of this title.

§ 1762. Personnel

(a) Appointment

To effectuate the carrying out of the purposes of this subchapter, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to appoint such personnel as he determines to be necessary and, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, to assign such personnel to service abroad.

(b) Titles; rank and privileges; appointments of Agricultural Counselors

Officers or employees assigned or appointed to posts abroad under this subchapter shall have the designation of Agricultural Counselor, Agricultural Attaché, or such other titles or designations that shall be agreed to by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture, and shall be accorded the same rank and privileges as those of other counselors or attachés in United States embassies. An Agricultural Counselor shall be appointed in any nation—

(1) to which a substantial number of governments with which the United States competes directly for agricultural markets in such nation assign agricultural representatives with the diplomatic status of counselor or its equivalent; or

(2) in which—

(A) the potential is great for long-term expansion of a market for United States agricultural commodities, and

(B) competition with other nations for existing and potential agricultural markets is extremely intense.

Not less than ten Agricultural Counselors shall be appointed within three years after October 21, 1978.

(c) Attachment to diplomatic missions

Upon the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of State shall regularly and officially attach the officers or employees of the United States Department of Agriculture to the diplomatic mission of the United States in the country in which such officers or employees are to be assigned by the Secretary of Agriculture, and shall obtain for them diplomatic privileges and immunities equivalent to those enjoyed by Foreign Service personnel of comparable rank and salary.

(d) Assignment to United States

Any officer or employee appointed and assigned to a post abroad pursuant to this subchapter may, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be assigned for duty in the continental United States, without regard to the civil service laws (and without reduction in grade if an appropriate position at the employee's grade is not available in any agency of the Department of Agriculture), for a period of not more than three years: *Provided*, That the total number of such employees assigned for duty in the continental United States under this provision shall not exceed fifteen at any one time: *Provided further*, That this Act shall not increase the number of persons employed at grade GS-16, GS-17, or GS-18.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, §602(a)-(d), formerly §602(a)-(c), (e), 68 Stat. 908, 909; amended June 28, 1955, ch. 189, §12(c)(13), 69 Stat. 182; Pub. L. 89-106, §4, Aug. 4, 1965, 79 Stat. 431; Pub. L. 94-449, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1500; renumbered §602(a)-(d) and amended Pub. L. 95-501, title III, §301(4), (5), title IV, §401(3), (5), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688, 1691.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is act Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, 68 Stat. 897, as amended, known as the Agricultural Act of 1954. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1741 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-501, §301(4), substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-501, §301(5), inserted provisions relating to appointment of Agricultural Counselors and rank and privileges to be accorded such counselors or other officers or employees assigned abroad.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 95-501, §§301(4), 401(5), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d) and substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”. Former subsec. (d), relating to Presidential regulations, was redesignated section 606B of act Aug. 28, 1954, by section 401(3) of Pub. L. 95-501, which is classified to section 1766a of this title.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 95-501, §401(3), redesignated subsec. (f), relating to language training for families of officers and employees assigned abroad, as section 606C of act Aug. 28, 1954, which is classified to section 1766b of this title.

1976—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 94-449 added subsec. (f).

1965—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 89-106 added subsec. (e).

1955—Subsec. (a). Act June 28, 1955, repealed provisions authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to place not more than eight positions in grade 16 and two in grade 17 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1955 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act June 28, 1955, effective June 28, 1955, see section 13 of act of June 28, 1955.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

Executive Documents

EX. ORD. NO. 10624. REGULATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL ABROAD

Ex. Ord. No. 10624, July 28, 1955, 20 F.R. 5445, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10903, Jan. 9, 1961, 26 F.R. 217; Ex. Ord. No. 11530, May 26, 1970, 35 F.R. 8335; Ex. Ord. No. 12292, Feb. 23, 1981, 46 F.R. 13967; Ex. Ord. No. 12608, Sept. 9, 1987, 52 F.R. 34617, provided:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by sections 605, 606B and 606D of Title VI of the Act of August 28, 1954, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1765, 1766a, and 1766c), and by section 301 of title 3 of the United States Code, and as President of the United States, I hereby prescribe the following regulations relating to personnel of the Department of Agriculture assigned to service abroad:

SECTION 1. (a) The provisions of section 207 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927) shall be applicable to the official activities of persons assigned abroad under authority of Title VI of the said act of August 28, 1954 [this chapter].

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall institute and maintain such measures consistent with the said Part II as may be necessary to insure that the official activities of persons assigned abroad under the said Title VI are carried on consonant with United States foreign-policy objectives as defined by the Secretary of State and are effectively coordinated with the activities of representatives of other United States agencies, under the leadership of the Chief of the United States Diplomatic Mission.

(c) Consistent with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue instructions on agricultural matters to persons assigned abroad under authority of the said Title VI.

SEC. 2. In addition to rules and regulations pertaining to allowances and benefits otherwise applicable to personnel assigned abroad by the Secretary of Agriculture under Title VI of the Act of August 28, 1954 [this chapter], or other authority, there shall be applicable to such personnel the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State in pursuance of (1) so much of the authority vested in the President by subchapter III of chapter 59 of title 5 of the United States Code [section 5921 et seq. of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees], or by any amendment thereof as relates to quarters allowances or cost-of-living allowances, and (2) so much of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by chapter 9 of Title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 [section 4081 et seq. of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse], as relates to allowances and benefits under the said chapter 9 of Title I: *Provided*, (1) that the Secretary of State, upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture, may prescribe, within existing authority of law and when deemed necessary,

special rules and regulations for such personnel; and (2) that the Secretary of Agriculture may, within the limitation of such rules and regulations, prescribe necessary implementing directions. The Secretary of Agriculture may designate employees of the Department of Agriculture to make specific determinations and take specific actions in the application of such rules and regulations to the activities of the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. Such provisions in annual appropriation acts of the Department of State, including such acts hereafter enacted, facilitating the work of the Foreign Service of the United States as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall from time to time determine appropriate shall be applicable to activities authorized under Title VI of the said act of August 28, 1954 [this chapter].

This order shall be effective as of September 1, 1954.

§ 1763. Transferred

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CODIFICATION

Section, act Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, § 603, 68 Stat. 909, which related to allowances and benefits, was renumbered section 606D of act Aug. 28, 1954, by Pub. L. 95-501, title IV, § 401(3), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1691, and transferred to section 1766c of this title.

§ 1764. Reports and dispatches

(a) Availability to Department of State and interested Government agencies

The reports and dispatches prepared by the officers appointed or assigned under this subchapter shall be made available to the Department of State, and may be made available to other interested agencies of the Government, and the agricultural reports and dispatches and related information produced by officers of the Foreign Service shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) Office space, equipment, and administrative and clerical services

The Secretary of State is authorized upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture to provide office space, equipment, facilities, and such other administrative and clerical services as may be required for the personnel affected by this subchapter. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to reimburse or advance funds to the Secretary of State for such services.

(c) Agency services, personnel, and facilities

Upon the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, each Federal agency may make its services, personnel, and facilities available to officers and employees appointed and assigned to a post abroad under this subchapter in the performance of the functions of such officers and employees. The Secretary of Agriculture may reimburse or advance funds to any such agency for services, personnel, and facilities so made available.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, § 604, 68 Stat. 909; Pub. L. 95-501, title III, § 301(4), (6), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 95-501, § 301(4), substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-501, § 301(6), added subsec. (c).

§ 1765. Foreign service appropriations; applicability

Provisions in annual appropriation Acts of the Department of State facilitating the work of the Foreign Service of the United States shall be applicable under rules and regulations prescribed by the President or his designee to activities pursuant to this subchapter.

(Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1041, title VI, § 605, 68 Stat. 909; Pub. L. 95-501, title III, § 301(4), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1688.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-501 substituted “this subchapter” for “this chapter”.

SUBCHAPTER II—UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL TRADE OFFICES

§ 1765a. Agricultural Trade Offices

(a) Establishment

For the purpose of developing, maintaining, and expanding international markets for United States agricultural commodities, the Secretary of Agriculture, after consultation with the Secretary of State, shall establish not less than six nor more than twenty-five United States Agricultural Trade Offices in other nations.

(b) Administration

each¹ United States Agricultural Trade Office shall be directed and administered by an Agricultural Trade Officer who by reason of training, experience, and attainments is qualified to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Such Officer shall be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Appointment and compensation of officers

Each Agricultural Trade Officer may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5 relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that no Agricultural Trade Officer (1) may be paid basic pay at a rate in excess of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable for GS-17 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such title, or (2) may be paid at a rate in excess of the highest rate paid to an Agricultural Counselor or Attaché, as the case may be, who is appointed under subchapter I of this chapter to the nation in which such Officer is to serve.

(d) Transmittal of information

Each Agricultural Trade Officer shall, through the Agricultural Counselor or Attaché or other senior representative of the Secretary of Agriculture in each nation in which the United States Agricultural Trade Office administered by such Officer exercises its functions, keep the Chief of the United States diplomatic mission fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of such Office.

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.