

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2008c, Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 368, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2317, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4009, related to allocation and transfer of loan guarantee authority, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, § 756, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1131.

§ 2008d. Recordkeeping of loans by borrower's gender

The Secretary shall classify, by gender, records of applicants for loans and loan guarantees under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 369, as added Pub. L. 102-554, § 21(c), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4161.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title III of Pub. L. 87-128, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 307, known as the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1921 of this title and Tables.

§ 2008e. Prohibition under rural development programs**(a) Prohibition**

Assistance under any rural development program administered by the Rural Development Administration, the Farmers Home Administration, the Rural Electrification Administration, or any other agency of the Department of Agriculture shall not be conditioned on any requirement that the recipient of such assistance accept or receive electric service from any particular utility, supplier, or cooperative.

(b) Ensuring compliance

The Secretary shall establish, by regulation, adequate safeguards to ensure that assistance under such rural development programs is not subject to such a condition. Such safeguards shall include periodic certifications and audits, and appropriate measures and sanctions against any person violating, or attempting to violate, the prohibition in subsection (a).

(c) Regulations

Not later than 6 months after November 1, 1993, the Secretary shall issue interim final regulations to ensure compliance with subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 370, as added Pub. L. 103-129, § 5, Nov. 1, 1993, 107 Stat. 1366.)

§ 2008f. Crop insurance requirement**(a) In general**

As a condition of obtaining any benefit (including a direct loan, loan guarantee, or payment) described in subsection (b), a borrower must obtain at least catastrophic risk protection insurance coverage under section 1508 of this title for the crop and crop year for which the benefit is sought, if the coverage is offered by the Corporation.

(b) Applicable benefits

Subsection (a) shall apply to—

- (1) a farm ownership loan (FO) under section 1923 of this title;
- (2) an operating loan (OL) under section 1942 of this title; and
- (3) an emergency loan (EM) under section 1961 of this title.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 371, as added Pub. L. 103-354, title I, § 119(b), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3208.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Oct. 13, 1994, and applicable to provision of crop insurance under Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) beginning with 1995 crop year, with such Act, as in effect on the day before Oct. 13, 1994, to continue to apply with respect to 1994 crop year, see section 120 of Pub. L. 103-354, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 1502 of this title.

§ 2008g. Payment of interest as condition of loan servicing for borrowers

The Secretary may not reschedule or reamortize a loan for a borrower under this chapter who has not requested consideration under section 1981d(e) of this title unless the borrower pays a portion, as determined by the Secretary, of the interest due on the loan.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 372, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VI, § 648(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1104.)

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Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective 90 days after Apr. 4, 1996, see section 663(b) of Pub. L. 104-127, set out as an Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 1922 of this title.

§ 2008h. Loan and loan servicing limitations**(a) Delinquent borrowers prohibited from obtaining direct operating loans**

The Secretary may not make a direct operating loan under subchapter II to a borrower who is delinquent on any loan made or guaranteed under this chapter.

(b) Prohibition of loans for borrowers that have received debt forgiveness**(1) Prohibitions**

Except as provided in paragraph (2)—

(A) the Secretary may not make a loan under this chapter to a borrower that has received debt forgiveness on a loan made or guaranteed under this chapter; and

(B) the Secretary may not guarantee a loan under this chapter to a borrower that has received—