

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2666, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 506, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 674, related to withholding of funds, the keeping of a separate account in the Treasury, appeal by a State to Congress, covering of moneys into the Treasury, and State money replacement, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in former section 2667 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-98.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 2667. Regulations**

The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 507, as added Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, § 6101(a)(3)(B), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4727.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2667, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 507, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 674; Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1442, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1006; Pub. L. 96-355, § 4(4), Sept. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 1174, set forth definitions for purposes of this subchapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in former section 2668 of this title, which was omitted from the Code.

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “The Secretary may issue” for “The Secretary of Agriculture may issue”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 2668. Omitted****Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 508, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 674, related to Secretary’s authority to promulgate such regulations as might be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1322. See section 2667 of this title.

**§ 2669. Pilot projects for production and marketing of industrial hydrocarbons and alcohols from agricultural commodities and forest products****(a) Formulation and execution of program**

The Secretary is authorized and directed to formulate and carry out a pilot program for the

production and marketing of industrial hydrocarbons derived from agricultural commodities and forest products for the purpose of stabilizing and expanding the market for such commodities and products and expanding the Nation’s supply of industrial hydrocarbons.

**(b) Loan guarantees**

The Secretary shall provide for four pilot projects for the production of industrial hydrocarbons and alcohols from agricultural commodities and forest products by guaranteeing loans, not to exceed \$15,000,000 per each such project, to public, private, or cooperative organizations organized for profit or nonprofit, or to individuals for a term not to exceed twenty years at a rate of interest agreed upon by the borrower and lender.

**(c) Conditions**

No loan may be guaranteed under this section unless (1) research indicates the total energy content of the products and byproducts to be manufactured by the loan applicant will exceed the total energy input from fossil fuels used in the manufacture of such products and byproducts, and (2) such other conditions as the Secretary deems appropriate to achieve the purposes of this section are met.

**(d) Long-term contracts to supply agricultural commodities to loan recipients**

In order to assure that the recipients of loans made under this section have a dependable supply of agricultural commodities at a stable price for use in the pilot projects provided for in this section, the Secretary is authorized to enter into long-term contracts, not exceeding five years, with the recipients of such loans. Such contracts shall guarantee the recipients of such loans a specified quantity of agricultural commodities annually at mutually agreed upon prices, but the agricultural commodities shall not be sold under any such contracts at less than the price support level prescribed for the commodity concerned unless the commodities are out of condition, unstorable, or sample-grade or lower, as prescribed in Department of Agriculture standards.

**(e) Commodity Credit Corporation stocks as supply sources; outside purchases**

The Secretary shall supply from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks or, to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts, purchase such quantities of agricultural commodities as may be necessary to comply with the terms of agreements entered into under this section.

**(f) Commodity Credit Corporation**

The provisions of this section shall be carried out through the Commodity Credit Corporation. (Pub. L. 92-419, title V, § 508, formerly § 509, as added Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1420, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 998; renumbered Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(b), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

**§ 2670. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1444(b), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326**

Section, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, §510, as added Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1443, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1006, required an annual evaluation by Secretary of effectiveness of programs established under section 2662(c) and (d) of this title and submission of an annual report to Congress on that evaluation and operation of programs during previous year.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL**

Repeal effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 2671. Establishment of technical assistance program**

**(a) Definition**

In this section, the term “tribally designated housing entity” has the meaning given the term in section 4103 of title 25.

**(b) In general**

The Secretary shall, in coordination with the Office of Tribal Relations established under section 6921<sup>1</sup> of this title, provide technical assistance to improve access by Tribal entities to rural development programs funded by the Department of Agriculture through available cooperative agreement authorities of the Secretary.

**(c) Technical assistance**

Technical assistance provided under subsection (b) shall address the unique challenge of Tribal governments, Tribal producers, Tribal businesses, Tribal business entities, and tribally designated housing entities in accessing Department of Agriculture-supported rural infrastructure, rural cooperative development, rural business and industry, rural housing, and other rural development activities.

(Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6302, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4748.)

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**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 6921 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “section 309 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994”, and was translated as meaning section 309 of Pub. L. 103-354, the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. The Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 is title II of Pub. L. 103-354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209.

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, and not as part of title V of the Rural Development Act of 1972 which comprises this subchapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”**

“Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 2 of Pub. L. 115-334, set out as a note under section 9001 of this title.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**CHAPTER 60—EGG RESEARCH AND CONSUMER INFORMATION**

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**§ 2701. Congressional findings and declaration of policy**

Eggs constitute one of the basic, natural foods in the diet. They are produced by many individual egg producers throughout the United States. Egg products, spent fowl, and products of spent fowl are derivatives of egg production. These products move in interstate and foreign commerce and those which do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce of these products. The maintenance and expansion of existing markets and the development of new or improved markets and uses are vital to the welfare of egg producers and those concerned with marketing, using, and processing eggs as well as the general economy of the Nation. The production and marketing of these products by numerous individual egg producers have prevented the development and carrying out of adequate and coordinated programs of research and promotion necessary for the maintenance of markets and the development of new products of, and markets for, eggs, egg products, spent fowl, and products of spent fowl. Without an effective and coordinated method of assuring cooperative and collective action in providing for and financing such programs, individual egg producers are unable to provide, obtain, or carry out the research, consumer and producer information, and promotion necessary to maintain and improve markets for any or all of these products.

It has long been recognized that it is in the public interest to provide an adequate, steady supply of fresh eggs readily available to the consumers of the Nation. Maintenance of markets and the development of new markets, both domestic and foreign, are essential to the egg industry if the consumers of eggs, egg products, spent fowl, or products of spent fowl are to be assured of an adequate, steady supply of such products.

It is therefore declared to be the policy of the Congress and the purpose of this chapter that it