(h) Board

(1) Selection

The Secretary shall appoint a board of evaluators, consisting of at least 5 individuals from the private sector selected for their knowledge and experience in exporting United States agricultural products.

(2) Meetings

The board shall meet at least once annually to review and evaluate all applicants and entities recommended by States under subsection (g)(1).

(3) Recommendations of board

The board shall report its recommendations concerning the making of the award to the Secretary.

(4) Term

Each member of the board may serve a term of not to exceed 3 years.

(i) Funding

The Secretary may seek and accept gifts from public and private sources to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §261, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 972.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and not as part of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 which comprises this chapter.

§ 5679. Biotechnology and agricultural trade program

(a) Establishment

There is established in the Department the biotechnology and agricultural trade program.

(b) Purpose

The purpose of the program shall be to remove, resolve, or mitigate significant regulatory nontariff barriers to the export of United States agricultural commodities (as defined in section 5602 of this title) into foreign markets through public and private sector projects funded by grants that address—

- (1) quick response intervention regarding nontariff barriers to United States exports involving—
 - (A) United States agricultural commodities produced through biotechnology or new agricultural production technologies;
 - (B) food safety;
 - (C) disease; or
 - (D) other sanitary or phytosanitary concerns; or
- (2) developing protocols as part of bilateral negotiations with other countries on issues such as animal health, grain quality, and genetically modified commodities.

(c) Eligible programs

Depending on need, as determined by the Secretary, activities authorized under this section may be carried out through—

- (1) this section;
- (2) the emerging markets program under section 1542 ¹ and section 5623(d) of this title; or
- (3) the Cochran Fellowship Program under section 3293 of this title.

(d) Funding

There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 101–624, title XV, §1543A, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title III, §3204, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 300; amended Pub. L. 115–334, title III, §§3201(b)(3)(C), 3301, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4617.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1542, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), is section 1542 of title XV of Pub. L. 101-624, which is set out as a note under section 5622 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, and not as part of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 115–334, §3301(1), inserted "or new agricultural production technologies" after "biotechnology".

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115–334, \$3201(b)(3)(C), inserted "and section 5623(d) of this title" after "section 1542". Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115–334, \$3301(2), substituted "\$2.000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023" for "\$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007".

§ 5680. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-334, title III, § 3201(b)(4), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4617

Section, Pub. L. 107–171, title III, §3205, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 301; Pub. L. 110–246, title III, §3203, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1837; Pub. L. 113–79, title III, §3205(a), (b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 780, related to program to provide direct and technical assistance to remove, resolve, or mitigate sanitary and phytosanitary and technical barriers that prohibit or threaten the export of United States specialty crops.

SUBCHAPTER V—FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

§ 5691. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-354, title II, § 225(e)(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3214

Section, Pub. L. 95–501, title V, §501, as added Pub. L. 101–624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3686, established position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

A prior section 501 of Pub. L. 95–501 enacted section 2211a of this title, amended section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 2211a of this title, prior to the complete revision of Pub. L. 95–501 by Pub. L. 101–624.

§ 5692. Administrator of Foreign Agricultural Service

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established in the Department of Agriculture the position of Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service.

¹ See References in Text note below.