

(5) the sale of eggs by shell egg packers on his own premises directly to household consumers for use by such consumer and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees, and the transportation, possession, and use of such eggs in accordance with this paragraph;

(6) for such period of time (not to exceed two years) during the initiation of operations under this chapter as the Secretary determines that it is impracticable to provide inspection, the processing of egg products at any class of plants and the egg products processed at such plants; and

(7) the sale of eggs by any egg producer with an annual egg production from a flock of three thousand or less hens.

**(b) Plants located in noncontiguous areas of United States**

The Secretary shall, by regulation and under such procedures as he may prescribe, exempt any plant located within noncontiguous areas of the United States from specific provisions of this chapter, where, despite good faith efforts by the owner of such plant, such owner has not been able to bring his plant into full compliance with this chapter: *Provided*, That in order to provide at least minimum standards for the protection of the public health, whenever processing operations are being conducted at any such plant, continuous inspection shall be maintained to assure that it is operated in a sanitary manner. No exemption under this subsection shall be granted for a period extending beyond December 31, 1971.

**(c) Suspension or termination of exemptions**

The Secretary may immediately suspend or terminate any exemption under subsection (a)(2) or (6) of this section at any time with respect to any person, if the conditions of exemption prescribed by this section or the regulations of the Secretary are not being met. The Secretary may modify or revoke any regulation granting exemption under this chapter whenever he deems such action appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-597, §15, Dec. 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 1629; Pub. L. 92-67, Aug. 6, 1971, 85 Stat. 173.)

AMENDMENTS

1971—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 92-67 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1034 of this title.

**§ 1045. Limitation on entry of eggs and egg products and other materials into official plants**

The Secretary may limit the entry of eggs and egg products and other materials into official plants under such conditions as he may prescribe to assure that allowing the entry of such articles into such plants will be consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-597, §16, Dec. 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 1630.)

**§ 1046. Imports**

**(a) Authorization for importation of restricted eggs; prerequisites for importation of egg products; treatment as domestic articles subject to this chapter; marking and labeling exemption for personal consumption**

No restricted eggs capable of use as human food shall be imported into the United States except as authorized by regulations of the Secretary. No egg products capable of use as human food shall be imported into the United States unless they were processed under an approved continuous inspection system of the government of the foreign country of origin or subdivision thereof and are labeled and packaged in accordance with, and otherwise comply with the standards of this chapter and regulations issued thereunder applicable to such articles within the United States. All such imported articles shall upon entry into the United States be deemed and treated as domestic articles subject to the other provisions of this chapter: *Provided*, That they shall be labeled as required by such regulations for imported articles: *Provided further*, That nothing in this section shall apply to eggs or egg products purchased outside the United States by any individual for consumption by him and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees.

**(b) Terms and conditions for destruction**

The Secretary may prescribe the terms and conditions for the destruction of all such articles which are imported contrary to this section, unless (1) they are exported by the consignee within the time fixed therefor by the Secretary or (2) in the case of articles which are not in compliance solely because of misbranding, such articles are brought into compliance with this chapter under supervision of authorized representatives of the Secretary.

**(c) Payment of storage, cartage, and labor charges by owner or consignee; liens**

All charges for storage, cartage, and labor with respect to any article which is imported contrary to this section shall be paid by the owner or consignee, and in default of such payment shall constitute a lien against such article and any other article thereafter imported under this chapter by or for such owner or consignee.

**(d) Prohibition**

The importation of any article contrary to this section is prohibited.

(Pub. L. 91-597, §17, Dec. 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 1630; Pub. L. 102-237, title X, §1012(f), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1901.)

AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (a)

*Pub. L. 102-237, title X, §1012(f), (h), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1901, provided that, effective 12 months after promulgation of final implementing regulations, subsection (a) of this section is amended:*

*(1) by designating the first, second, and third sentences as paragraphs (1), (2), and (4), respectively; and*

*(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so designated) the following new paragraph:*

*(3) No eggs packed into a container that is destined for the ultimate consumer shall be imported*