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## CODIFICATION

This chapter contains the Agricultural Marketing Act, approved June 15, 1929.

In view of the amendments to the Agricultural Marketing Act made by the Farm Credit Act of 1933, approved June 16, 1933, and by the Farm Credit Act of 1935, approved June 3, 1935, and of the transfer of its administration to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration by Executive Order No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title, the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act, as amended, have been transferred to this chapter from Title 7, Agriculture.

## CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 1150a of this title; title 15 sections 781, 632.

**§ 1141. Declaration of policy; effective merchandising of agricultural commodities; speculation; cooperative marketing; surpluses; administration of chapter**

(a) It is declared to be the policy of Congress to promote the effective merchandising of agricultural commodities in interstate and foreign commerce so that the industry of agriculture will be placed on a basis of economic equality with other industries, and to that end to protect, control, and stabilize the currents of interstate and foreign commerce in the marketing of agricultural commodities and their food products—

- (1) by minimizing speculation.
- (2) by preventing inefficient and wasteful methods of distribution.
- (3) by encouraging the organization of producers into effective associations or corporations under their own control for greater unity of effort in marketing and by promoting the establishment and financing of a farm marketing system of producer-owned and producer-controlled cooperative associations and other agencies.
- (4) by aiding in preventing and controlling surpluses in any agricultural commodity, through orderly production and distribution, so as to maintain advantageous domestic markets and prevent such surpluses from causing undue and excessive fluctuations or depressions in prices for the commodity.

(b) There shall be considered as a surplus for the purposes of this chapter any seasonal or year's total surplus, produced in the United States and either local or national in extent, that is in excess of the requirements for the orderly distribution of the agricultural commodity or is in excess of the domestic requirements for such commodity.

(c) The Farm Credit Administration shall execute the powers vested in it by this chapter only

in such manner as will, in the judgment of the administration, aid to the fullest practicable extent in carrying out the policy above declared.

(June 15, 1929, ch. 24, §1, 46 Stat. 11; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 521 of Title 7, Agriculture.

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Farm Credit Administration” and “administration” substituted in text for “Federal Farm Loan Board” and “board”, respectively, pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title.

## SHORT TITLE

For short title of this chapter as the Agricultural Marketing Act, see section 1141j(f) of this title.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Establishment of Farm Credit Administration as an independent agency, composition of Farm Credit Administration, appointment of Governor of Farm Credit Administration and duties thereof, including duty to perform functions, etc., of Farm Credit Administration, see section 2241 et seq. of this title.

## EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer, or entity of, under, or subject to supervision of said Administration excepted from functions of officers, agencies, and employees transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1141b, 1141e of this title.

**§ 1141a. Repealed. Aug. 6, 1953, ch. 335, § 19, 67 Stat. 400**

Section, act June 15, 1929, ch. 24, §2, 46 Stat. 11; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1943; act Oct. 15, 1949, ch. 695, §6(a), 63 Stat. 881, related to appointment, compensation, qualifications, term of office, and expenses of the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. See section 2244 et seq. of this title.

**§ 1141b. General powers of Farm Credit Administration**

The Farm Credit Administration—

(1) shall maintain its principal office within the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia standard metropolitan statistical area, and such other offices in the United States as in its judgment are necessary.

(2) shall have an official seal which shall be judicially noticed.

(3) shall make an annual report to Congress upon the administration of this chapter and any other matter relating to the better effectuation of the policy declared in section 1141 of this title, including recommendations for legislation.

(4) may make such regulations as are necessary to execute the functions vested in it by this chapter.

(5) may appoint and fix the salaries of a secretary and such experts, and, in accordance with chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter

53 of title 5, and subject to the provisions of the civil service laws, such other officers and employees as are necessary to execute such functions.

(6) may make such expenditures (including expenditures for rent and personal services at the seat of government and elsewhere, for law books, periodicals, and books of reference, and for printing and binding) as are necessary to execute such functions. Expenditures by the administration shall be allowed and paid upon the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by the governor of the administration.

(7) may sell at public or private sale to the highest responsible bidder, upon such terms and after such public advertisement as the Farm Credit Administration may deem in the public interest, any property, real or personal, or any interest therein, acquired by the United States on account of or as a result of any loans made from the revolving fund authorized by section 1141d of this title; may lease any such property, pending its sale, on such terms and for such period, not in excess of five years, as the Farm Credit Administration may deem in the public interest; and may incur and pay, from the said revolving fund, obligations and expenses for the operation, upkeep, maintenance, repair, disposition, insurance, and protection of any such property: *Provided*, That section 5 of title 41 shall not be construed to apply to any purchase or service on account of such property.

(June 15, 1929, ch. 24, § 4, 46 Stat. 13; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933; Aug. 19, 1937, ch. 704, § 37, 50 Stat. 717; Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, title XI, § 1106(a), 63 Stat. 972; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, § 510, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3451.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The civil service laws, referred to in par. (5), are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, particularly, section 3301 et seq. of that title.

#### CODIFICATION

In par. (5), “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” substituted for “the Classification Act of 1949” on authority of section 7(b) of Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, section 1 of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section was formerly classified to section 524 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### AMENDMENTS

1980—Par. (1). Pub. L. 96-592 substituted provisions requiring the principal office to be within the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia standard metropolitan statistical area for provisions requiring the principal office to be in the District of Columbia.

1949—Act Oct. 28, 1949, substituted the “Classification Act of 1949” for the “Classification Act of 1923”.

1937—Par. (7). Act Aug. 19, 1937, added par. (7).

#### CHANGE OF NAME

“Farm Credit Administration” and “administration” substituted in text for “board” and “governor” substituted for “chairman” pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title.

#### REPEALS

Act Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed (subject to a savings clause) by Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, § 8, 80 Stat. 632, 655.

#### REPEAL OF AUTHORITY

Repeal of authority of the Farm Credit Administration to make emergency crop production, feed, seed, drought, and rehabilitation loans on Aug. 14, 1946, see note set out under sections 1001 to 1005d of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### SEPARABILITY

Section 40 of act Aug. 19, 1937, provided as follows:

“Sec. 40. (a) If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

“(b) The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.”

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in par. (3) of this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 166 of House Document No. 103-7.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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### § 1141c. Special powers of administration

The administration is authorized and directed—

(1) to promote education in the principles and practices of cooperative marketing of agricultural commodities and food products thereof.

(2) to encourage the organization, improvement in methods, and development of effective cooperative associations.

(3) to keep advised from any available sources and make reports as to crop prices, experiences, prospects, supply, and demand, at home and abroad.

(June 15, 1929, ch. 24, § 5, 46 Stat. 13; Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933; June 16, 1933, ch. 98, title V, § 50(a), 48 Stat. 265.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 525 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### AMENDMENTS

1933—Act June 16, 1933, repealed pars. (4) and (5) relating to powers of the Farm Board to investigate overproduction and to miscellaneous investigations by the Farm Board.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

“Administration” substituted in text for “board” pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 6084, set out preceding section 2241 of this title.