

trition, and Forestry of the Senate an annual report describing the operation of this section during the preceding year and efforts undertaken by the Secretary and the Corporation to carry out this section.

(2) Information regarding fraud, waste, and abuse

The report shall identify specific occurrences of waste, fraud, or abuse and contain an outline of actions that have been or are being taken to eliminate the identified waste, fraud, or abuse.

(j) Information management

(1) Systems upgrades

The Secretary shall upgrade the information management systems of the Corporation used in the administration and enforcement and this chapter. In upgrading the systems, the Secretary shall ensure that new hardware and software are compatible with the hardware and software used by other agencies of the Department to maximize data sharing and promote the purpose of this section.

(2) Use of available information technologies

The Secretary shall use the information technologies known as data mining and data warehousing and other available information technologies to administer and enforce this chapter.

(3) Use of private sector

The Secretary may enter into contracts to use private sector expertise and technological resources in implementing this subsection.

(k) Funding

(1) Available funds

To carry out this section and sections 1502(c), 1506(h), 1508(a)(3)(B), and 1508(f)(3)(A) of this title, the Corporation may use, from amounts made available from the insurance fund established under section 1516(c) of this title, not more than \$23,000,000 during the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005, of which not more than \$9,000,000 shall be available for fiscal year 2001.

(2) Prohibition

None of the funds made available under paragraph (1) may be used to pay the salaries of employees of the Corporation.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 515, as added Pub. L. 103-354, title I, § 109, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3197; amended Pub. L. 106-224, title I, § 121(a), June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 372.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Agricultural Market Transition Act, referred to in subsec. (h)(3)(B)(ii), is title I of Pub. L. 104-127, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 896, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 100 (§ 7201 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see References in Text note set out under section 7201 of this title and Tables.

The Agricultural Act of 1949, referred to in subsec. (h)(3)(B)(iii), is act Oct. 31, 1949, ch. 792, 63 Stat. 1051, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35A (§ 1421 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1421 of this title and Tables.

The Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, referred to in subsec. (h)(3)(B)(iv), is act June 29, 1948, ch. 704, 62 Stat. 1070, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§ 714 et seq.) of chapter 15 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 714 of Title 15 and Tables.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, referred to in subsec. (h)(3)(B)(v), is act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, 52 Stat. 31, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§ 1281 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1281 of this title and Tables.

The Food Security Act of 1985, referred to in subsec. (h)(3)(B)(vi), is Pub. L. 99-198, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1354, as amended. Title XII of the Act, popularly known as the “Sodbuster Law”, is classified principally to chapter 58 (§ 3801 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 1281 of this title and Tables.

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, referred to in subsec. (h)(3)(B)(vii), is title III of Pub. L. 87-128, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 307, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 50 (§ 1921 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of the Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1921 of this title and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section, act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 515, 52 Stat. 77, provided for appointment and compensation of an advisory committee, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-365, title I, § 108, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1317.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-224 amended section generally, substituting present provisions for provisions which had authorized establishment of Advisory Committee for Federal Crop Insurance, described primary responsibility, membership of Committee, and administrative provisions, required annual report regarding progress toward implementation and improved crop insurance coverage, soundness of program, and rate of participation, and set forth termination of authority on Sept. 30, 1998.

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.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1516, 8002 of this title.

§ 1516. Funding

(a) Authorization of appropriations

(1) Discretionary expenses

There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1999 and each subsequent fiscal year such sums as are necessary to cover the salaries and expenses of the Corporation.

(2) Mandatory expenses

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to cover for each of the 1999 and subsequent reinsurance years the following:

(A) The administrative and operating expenses of the Corporation for the sales commissions of agents.

(B) Premium subsidies, including the administrative and operating expenses of an approved insurance provider for the delivery of policies with additional coverage.

(C) Costs associated with the conduct of livestock and wild salmon pilot programs carried out under section 1523 of this title, subject to the limitations in subsections (a)(3)(E)(ii) and (b)(10) of section 1523 of this title.

(D) Costs associated with the reimbursement, contracting, and partnerships for research and development under section 1522 of this title.

(b) Payment of Corporation expenses from insurance fund

(1) Expenses generally

For each of the 1999 and subsequent reinsurance years, the Corporation may pay from the insurance fund established under subsection (c) of this section all expenses of the Corporation (other than expenses covered by subsection (a)(1) of this section and expenses covered by paragraph (2)(A)), including the following:

(A) Premium subsidies and indemnities.

(B) Administrative and operating expenses of the Corporation necessary to pay the sales commissions of agents.

(C) All administrative and operating expense reimbursements due under a reinsurance agreement with an approved insurance provider.

(D) Costs associated with the conduct of livestock and wild salmon pilot programs carried out under section 1523 of this title, subject to the limitations in subsections (a)(3)(E)(ii) and (b)(10) of section 1523 of this title.

(E) Costs associated with the reimbursement, contracting, and partnerships for research and development under section 1522 of this title.

(2) Policy consideration and implementation

(A) In general

For each of the 1999 and subsequent reinsurance years, the Corporation may use the insurance fund established under subsection (c) of this section, but not to exceed \$3,500,000 for each fiscal year, to pay the following:

(i) Costs associated with the consideration and implementation of policies, plans of insurance, and related materials submitted under section 1508(h) of this title or developed under section 1522 or 1523 of this title.

(ii) Costs to contract for the review of policies, plans of insurance, and related materials under section 1505(e) of this title and to contract for other assistance in considering policies, plans of insurance, and related materials.

(B) Dairy options pilot program

Amounts necessary to carry out the dairy options pilot program shall not be counted toward the limitation on expenses specified in subparagraph (A).

(c) Insurance fund

(1) In general

There is established an insurance fund, for the deposit of premium income, amounts made available under subsection (a)(2) of this section, and civil fines collected under section 1515(h) of this title, to be available without fiscal year limitation.

(2) Commodity Credit Corporation funds

If at any time the amounts in the insurance fund are insufficient to enable the Corporation to carry out subsection (b) of this section, to the extent the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation are available—

(A) the Corporation may request the Secretary to use the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out subsection (b) of this section; and

(B) the Secretary may use the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out subsection (b) of this section.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, §516, 52 Stat. 77; June 21, 1941, ch. 214, §§6, 8, 55 Stat. 255, 256; Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 950, §10, 70 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 96-365, title I, §§109, 110, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1317, 1318; Pub. L. 97-11, May 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 13; Pub. L. 99-198, title X, §1021, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1459; Pub. L. 103-354, title I, §110, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3198; Pub. L. 104-127, title I, §193(e), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 945; Pub. L. 105-185, title V, §531, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 580; Pub. L. 106-224, title I, §147, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 393.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 106-224, §147(a), in introductory provisions, substituted “years the following:” for “years—”, in subpar. (A), substituted “The” for “the” and a period for “; and” at end, in subpar. (B), substituted “Premium” for “premium”, and added subpars. (C) and (D).

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-224, §147(b), in introductory provisions, substituted “including the following:” for “including—”, in subpar. (A), substituted “Premium” for “premium” and a period for the semicolon at end, in subpar. (B), substituted “Administrative” for “administrative” and a period for “; and” at end, in subpar. (C), substituted “All” for “all”, and added subpars. (D) and (E).

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-224, §147(c)(1), substituted “Policy consideration and implementation” for “Research and development expenses” in heading.

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 106-224, §147(c)(2), substituted “may use” for “may pay from”, struck out “research and development expenses of the Corporation” before “, but not to exceed”, substituted “, to pay the following:” for period at end, and added cls. (i) and (ii).

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106-224, §147(c)(3), struck out “research and development” after “the limitation on”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 106-224, §147(d), substituted “income,” for “income and” and inserted “, and civil fines collected under section 1515(h) of this title” before “, to be available”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-185, §531(1)(A), added par. (1) and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 1995 through 2001 such sums as are necessary to cover—

“(A) the salaries and expenses of the Corporation; and

“(B) the administrative and operating expenses of the Corporation for the sales commissions of agents.”

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-185, §531(1)(B)(i), inserted “for each of the 1999 and subsequent reinsurance years”

after “are necessary to cover” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 105-185, § 531(1)(B)(ii), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “in the case of each of the 1995 through 1997 reinsurance years, the administrative and operating expenses of the Corporation for the sales commissions of agents, consistent with subsection (b)(1) of this section; and”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-185, § 531(2), added subsec. (b) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (b). Text read as follows:

“(1) ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES.—In the case of each of the 1995 through 1997 reinsurance years, the Corporation is authorized to pay from the insurance fund established under subsection (c) of this section, the administrative and operating expenses of an approved insurance provider, including expenses covered by subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section.

“(2) OTHER EXPENSES.—The Corporation is authorized to pay from the insurance fund established under subsection (c) of this section—

“(A) all other expenses of the Corporation (other than expenses covered by subsection (a)(1) of this section), including all premium subsidies and indemnities;

“(B) in the case of each of the 1995 through 1997 reinsurance years, all administrative and expense reimbursements due under a reinsurance agreement with an approved insurance provider; and

“(C) to the extent necessary, expenses incurred by the Corporation to carry out research and development.”

1996—Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 104-127, § 193(e)(1), struck out subpar. (C) which read as follows: “payments for noninsured assistance losses under section 1519 of this title.”

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104-127, § 193(e)(2)(A), struck out subpar. (A) designation and heading “In general”, substituted “In the case of each” for “Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in the case of each”, and struck out heading and text of subpar. (B). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In the case of the 1997 reinsurance year, the amount of the payments from the insurance fund established under subsection (c) of this section for the expenses of the Corporation for the sales commissions of agents may not exceed 8.5 percent of the total amount of premiums paid for additional coverage for the 1997 reinsurance year.”

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-127, § 193(e)(3), struck out “, noninsured assistance benefits,” after “all premium subsidies”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 104-127, § 193(e)(2)(B), struck out “subject to paragraph (1)(B),” before “in the case of each”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 amended section generally, substituting subssecs. (a) to (c) for former subssecs. (a) to (d) relating to authorization of appropriations to cover operating and administrative costs of Corporation, issuance of regulations, emergency funding, and borrowing authority.

1985—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 99-198 struck out provision that Secretary’s authority to use the funds of Commodity Credit Corporation for purposes of this subsection would expire one year after date on which that authority was first used.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-11 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-365, § 109, substituted appropriations authorization of necessary sums for former limitation of \$12,000,000 for each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 1938; included as costs agents’ and brokers’ commissions, interest on Treasury notes and other obligations, partial premium payments by the Corporation, and the direct cost of loss adjusters for crop inspections and loss adjustments and authorized payment of these costs from premium income and other Corporation funds and restoration of such payments through subsequent year appropriations; prescribed limitation on employment of additional person-

nel except during emergencies; and deleted provisions for for consideration as being nonadministrative or nonoperating expenses such expenses as related to purchase, transportation, handling, or sale of the agricultural commodity and the direct cost of loss adjusters for crop inspections and loss adjustments and provision for use of premium income for administrative and operating costs within limits prescribed in applicable appropriations.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 96-365, § 110, added subssecs. (c) and (d).

1956—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 3, 1956, added to list of costs which may be considered as nonadministrative or nonoperating, the direct cost of loss adjusters for crop inspections and loss adjustment, and authorized use of premium income for administrative and operating costs within limits prescribed by applicable appropriation.

1941—Subsec. (a). Act June 21, 1941, substituted “the agricultural commodity” for “wheat”, and “\$12,000,000” for “\$6,000,000”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-185 effective July 1, 1998, see section 537 of Pub. L. 105-185, set out as a note under section 1506 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-354 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 a note under section 1502 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Section 109 of Pub. L. 96-365 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1980.

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Administration of program of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 501, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1100. See note set out under section 1503 of this title.

Wartime consolidation of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration, see note set out under section 1503 of this title.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Act Dec. 23, 1944, ch. 713, § 6, 58 Stat. 920, provided an additional appropriation not to exceed \$3,000,000 to be available for the fiscal year 1945 to carry out the provisions of this chapter for the fiscal years 1943 and 1944.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1505, 1507, 1508, 1515, 1522 of this title.

§ 1517. Separability

The sections of this chapter and subdivisions of sections are declared to be separable, and in the event any one or more sections or parts of the same of this chapter be held to be unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of other sections or parts of sections of this chapter.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 517, 52 Stat. 77.)

§ 1518. “Agricultural commodity” defined

“Agricultural commodity”, as used in this chapter, means wheat, cotton, flax, corn, dry