

Service of packages containing plants or plant products for States inspection, was transferred to section 7760 of this title.

**§ 167. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-224, title IV, § 438(a)(1), June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 454**

Section, act Aug. 20, 1912, ch. 308, § 15, as added May 31, 1920, ch. 217, 41 Stat. 726; amended May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 565; July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 640; Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 486; Apr. 1, 1942, ch. 207, §§ 1, 4, 56 Stat. 190, 192; Pub. L. 88-60, §§ 1, 7, July 8, 1963, 77 Stat. 77, 78; Pub. L. 91-358, title I, § 155(a), July 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 570, related to rules and regulations to prevent dissemination of dangerous plant diseases and insect infestations and infestations in the District of Columbia.

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**SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 171. Program for development of guayule and other rubber-bearing plants**

The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter called the "Secretary") is authorized—

- (1) To acquire by purchase, license, or other agreement, the right to operate under processes or patents relating to the growing and harvesting of guayule or the extraction of rubber therefrom, and such properties, processes, records, and data as are necessary to such operation, including but not limited to any such rights owned or controlled by the Intercontinental Rubber Company, or any of its subsidiaries, and all equipment, materials, structures, factories, real property, seed, seedlings, growing shrub, and other facilities, patents and processes of the Intercontinental Rubber Company, or any of its subsidiaries, located in California, and for such rights, properties, and facilities of the Intercontinental Rubber Company or any of its subsidiaries, the Secretary is authorized to pay not to exceed \$2,000,000;

- (2) To plant, or contract for the planting of, not in excess of five hundred thousand acres of guayule in areas in the Western Hemisphere where the best growth and yields may be expected in order to maintain a nucleus planting of guayule to serve as a domestic source of crude rubber as well as of planting material for use in further expanding guayule planting to meet emergency needs of the United States for crude rubber; to establish and maintain nurseries to provide seedlings for field plants; and to purchase necessary equipment, facilities, land for nurseries and administrative sites and water rights;

- (3) To acquire by lease, or other agreement, for not exceeding ten years, rights to land for the purpose of making plantings of guayule; to acquire water rights; to erect necessary buildings on leased land where suitable land cannot be purchased; to make surveys, directly or through appropriate Government agencies, of areas in the Western Hemisphere where guayule might be grown; and to establish and maintain records indicating areas to which guayule cultivation could be extended for emergency production;

- (4) To construct or operate, or to contract for the operation of, factories for the extraction of rubber from guayule, and from *Chrysothamnus*, commonly known as rabbit brush; to purchase guayule shrub; and to purchase, operate, and maintain equipment for the harvesting, storing, transporting, and complete processing of guayule, and *Chrysothamnus*, commonly known as rabbit brush, and to purchase land as sites for processing plants;

- (5) To conduct studies, in which he may cooperate with any other public or private agency, designed to increase the yield of guayule