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To amend the Food for Peace Act to reform the food assistance programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE (for himself and Ms. BASS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Food for Peace Act to reform the food assistance programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Food Aid Reform Act”.

1 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
2 **FOOD FOR PEACE ACT**

3 **SEC. 101. FOOD AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.**

4 Section 3(b)(1)(C) of the Food for Peace Act (7
5 U.S.C. 1691a(b)(1)(C)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “, provision of funds” and in-
7 serting “and provision of funds”; and

8 (2) by striking “, and monetization of commod-
9 ities,”.

10 **SEC. 102. EMERGENCY AND PRIVATE ASSISTANCE PRO-**
11 **GRAMS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Food for Peace Act
13 is amended as follows:

14 (1) In the title heading, by striking “**AND**
15 **PRIVATE**”.

16 (2) In section 201 (7 U.S.C. 1721)—

17 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
18 by striking “agricultural commodities” and in-
19 serting “assistance, including agricultural com-
20 modities,”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “inclu-
22 sive and sustainable” after “promote”.

23 (3) In section 202 (7 U.S.C. 1722)—

1 (A) in the section heading, by striking
2 “**AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES**” and insert-
3 ing “**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**”;

4 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “agricul-
5 tural commodities” and inserting “assistance,
6 including agricultural commodities,”;

7 (C) by striking subsections (b), (c), (d),
8 and (e); and

9 (D) in subsection (h)(3)—

10 (i) by striking “section 207(f)” and
11 inserting “section 207”; and

12 (ii) by striking “fiscal years 2009
13 through 2011” and inserting “fiscal years
14 2014 through 2018”.

15 (4) By striking section 203 (7 U.S.C. 1723).

16 (5) By striking section 204 (7 U.S.C. 1724).

17 (6) In section 205 (7 U.S.C. 1725)—

18 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “that
19 may involve eligible organizations described in
20 section 202(d)(1)”;

21 (B) in subsection (f), by striking “Decem-
22 ber 31, 2012” and inserting “September 30,
23 2018”.

24 (7) In section 207(f) (7 U.S.C. 1726a(f))—

25 (A) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

2 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs

3 (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and

4 (E), respectively; and

5 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “Food,

6 Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008” and in-

7 serting “Food Aid Reform Act”.

8 (8) In section 207 (7 U.S.C. 1726a)—

9 (A) by striking subsections (a), (b), (c),

10 (d), and (e);

11 (B) in subsection (f)(2)—

12 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

13 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs

14 (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and

15 (E), respectively; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new

17 subsection:

18 “(h) APPLICABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORI-

19 TIES UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—

20 The administrative authorities contained in chapter 2 of

21 part III of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.

22 2381 et seq.) shall apply to programs carried out under

23 this title to the same extent and in the same manner as

24 such administrative authorities apply to programs carried

25 out under such Act.”.

1 (b) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-
2 ment made by paragraph (6)(B) shall take effect as of
3 December 31, 2012.

4 **SEC. 103. GENERAL AUTHORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Food for Peace
6 Act is amended as follows:

7 (1) In section 402 (7 U.S.C. 1732)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2)—

9 (i) by striking “produced in the
10 United States”; and

11 (ii) by striking the second sentence;

12 and

13 (B) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
15 (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and
16 (D), respectively; and

17 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
18 (A) the following new subparagraph:

19 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
20 of the Senate;”.

21 (2) In section 403(l)(1)(A) (7 U.S.C.
22 1733(l)(1)(A)), by striking “titles I and II” and in-
23 serting “title I”.

24 (3) In section 404(c)(1) (7 U.S.C. 1734(c)(1)),
25 by striking “eligible organizations” and all that fol-

1 lows through “under title II” and inserting “eligible
2 organizations may be made available under titles I
3 and III”.

4 (4) In section 406(a) (7 U.S.C. 1736(a)), by in-
5 sserting “may make available funds and” before
6 “may acquire”.

7 (5) In section 407(c) (7 U.S.C. 1736a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
9 graph (B);

10 (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “for
11 fiscal years 2001 through 2012”; and

12 (C) in paragraph (5)—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “NON-
14 EMERGENCY OR MULTIYEAR” and inserting
15 “MULTIYEAR”; and

16 (ii) by striking “for ongoing non-
17 emergency or”.

18 (6) In section 408 (7 U.S.C. 1736b), by strik-
19 ing “December 31, 2012” and inserting “September
20 30, 2018”.

21 (b) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-
22 ment made by paragraph (6) shall take effect as of De-
23 cember 31, 2012.

1 **SEC. 104. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 Except as otherwise provided in this title, the amend-
3 ments made by this title shall take effect on the date of
4 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to
5 the provision of assistance under title II of the Food for
6 Peace Act (as so amended) beginning on the date that is
7 180 days after such date of enactment.

8 **TITLE II—CARGO PREFERENCES**

9 **SEC. 201. CARGO PREFERENCES.**

10 (a) EXEMPTION.—Section 55313 of title 46, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “Sections 55304 and 55305 of
13 this title do not apply” and inserting the following:

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 55304 and 55305 of
15 this title do not apply”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) ADDITIONAL EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES.—In addi-
18 tion to the exemption under subsection (a) and notwith-
19 standing any other provision of law, sections 55304 and
20 55305 of this title do not apply to activities carried out
21 under title II of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721
22 et seq.).”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
24 55314(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended

- 1 by inserting “, except for activities carried out under title
- 2 II of that Act” before the semicolon.

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