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sedeas, appeal, attachment, or garnishment bonds, executed by sureties without security, for and in any action brought against such railroad corporation or trustees appointed pursuant to this section, shall be preferred and paid out of the assets of such railroad corporation as operating expenses of such railroad."

Approved, August 11, 1939.

[CHAPTER 690]

AN ACT

August 11, 1939
[S. 2697]
[Public, No. 387]

To facilitate the execution of arrangements for the exchange of surplus agricultural commodities produced in the United States for reserve stocks of strategic and critical materials produced abroad.

Surplus agricultural commodities.
Exchange of, for reserve stocks of strategic, etc., materials produced abroad.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, has concluded a treaty involving the exchange of surplus agricultural commodities produced in the United States which are held under loans made or made available by the Commodity Credit Corporation for stocks of strategic and critical materials produced abroad, the Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized, upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, to accept such strategic and critical materials in exchange for such surplus agricultural commodities; and for the purpose of such exchange the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Interior acting jointly through the agency of the Army and Navy Munitions Board shall determine which materials are strategic and critical and the quantity and quality of such materials. In order to carry out the provisions of this Act, the Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized, upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, to procure, convey, transport, handle, store, maintain, or rotate such surplus agricultural commodities, and such reserve stocks of strategic and critical materials, as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Determination of strategic, etc., materials; quantity and quality.

Duties of Commodity Credit Corporation.

The Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized and directed to transfer to warehouses in or near cotton manufacturing centers in New England not to exceed three hundred thousand bales of cotton, to which it now has title or may hereafter acquire title, having regard for the grades and staples customarily required by manufacturers in that area: *Provided*, That all necessary costs in connection with such transfer will not result in additional net cost to the Corporation.

Warehousing of cotton.

Proviso.
Cost restriction.

In determining specific cotton to be exchanged under this Act, the determination shall be made by sampling and selection at the place where the cotton is stored on the date of ratification of a treaty providing for such exchange, and no cotton shall be exchanged under such treaty which, after such date, is transported to another place and there sampled and selected. Such reserve stocks of strategic and critical materials shall be stored on military or naval reservations or in other locations approved by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. The Commodity Credit Corporation is authorized to transfer such reserve stocks of strategic and critical materials, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture shall approve, to any other governmental agency. Such reserve stocks or strategic and critical materials shall be made available or disposed of by the Commodity Credit Corporation or other governmental agency only upon order of the President in accordance with the terms of the

Determination of specific cotton to be exchanged; method.

Storage of reserve stocks of strategic, etc., materials.

Transfer to other governmental agencies.

Disposition.

Replacement.

applicable treaty; when necessary to prevent deterioration, the Commodity Credit Corporation or other governmental agency is authorized to replace those quantities of the reserve stocks of such strategic and critical materials subject to deterioration with equivalent quantities of the same materials. The funds now or hereafter made available to the Commodity Credit Corporation are hereby made available to carry out the purposes of this Act. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be required to carry out the provisions of this Act. All funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be available for allotment to bureaus and offices of the Department of Agriculture, and for transfer to such other agencies of the Federal Government as the Secretary of Agriculture may request to cooperate or assist in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Funds available.

Appropriation authorized.

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[CHAPTER 691]

AN ACT

August 11, 1939
[S. 2745]
[Public, No. 388]

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make regulations to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases.

District of Columbia.
Regulations for prevention of spread of certain diseases, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate and enforce all such reasonable rules and regulations as they may deem necessary to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases in the District of Columbia.

Penalty for violation of regulation.

SEC. 2. The said Commissioners are authorized to prescribe a reasonable penalty of fine, not to exceed $100, or of imprisonment, not to exceed thirty days, or both, for the violation of any rule or regulation promulgated under the authority of this Act, and all prosecutions for violations of such rules and regulations shall be in the police court of the District of Columbia in the name of the District of Columbia upon information filed by the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia or any of his assistants.

Jurisdiction.

Effective date.
Repeal of designated Acts.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after ninety days after its passage and approval, and from and after the expiration of said period the following Acts are hereby repealed:

29 Stat. 635.

An Act entitled "An Act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1897 (29 Stat. 635);

34 Stat. 889.

An Act entitled "An Act for the prevention of scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, chicken pox, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, and typhoid fever in the District of Columbia", approved February 1, 1907 (34 Stat. 889);

35 Stat. 126.

An Act entitled "An Act to provide for registration of all cases of tuberculosis in the District of Columbia, for free examination of sputum in suspected cases, and for preventing the spread of tuberculosis in said District", approved May 13, 1908 (35 Stat. 126); and

43 Stat. 1001.

An Act entitled "An Act for the prevention of venereal diseases in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved February 26, 1925 (43 Stat. 1001).

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