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quitclaim to the State of California for the benefit of the State and/or of those claiming under the State at the date of such quitclaim, deed, all the right, title, interest, and estate of the United States in and to the lands of Goose Lake held, or that might be asserted, by the United States under or in pursuance of the act of February 3, 1905, of the State of California (California Statutes, 1905, page 4).

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 349]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 5636]
[Public Law 589]

To expedite the settlement of claims and accounts incident to certain agricultural adjustment programs, and for other purposes.

Agricultural adjustment programs.
Settlement of claims and accounts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to expedite the settlement of claims and accounts incident to the agricultural adjustment programs in effect prior to January 6, 1936, under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 (48 Stat. 31), amendments thereto, and related legislation, no claim shall be considered or paid from the appropriation "Payments for Agricultural Adjustment" made by the Supplemental Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936 (49 Stat. 1116), as amended, unless presented to the Secretary of Agriculture within one hundred and twenty calendar days from the date of approval of this Act, and the unobligated balance remaining in said appropriation one hundred and eighty calendar days after the date of approval of this Act shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury: *Provided*, That not to exceed $25,000 of such unobligated balance shall remain available thereafter for not more than one calendar year for administrative expenses incident to carrying out the purposes of this Act.

7 U. S. C., ch. 26.
Ante, p. 85.
Time limit for filing.

Disposition of unobligated balance.

Proviso.
Administrative expenses.

Credit in accounts of disbursing officers.
48 Stat. 31.
7 U. S. C., ch. 26.
Ante, p. 85.

SEC. 2. That with respect to payments made in connection with any program (1) under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 or amendments thereto or other legislation relating to programs inaugurated prior to January 6, 1936, which were administered through the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; (2) under the appropriation "Payments for Agricultural Adjustment" as made in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936, as amended; or (3) under title IV of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 70), amendments thereto and related legislation, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized to allow credit in the accounts of the disbursing officers who made the payments and no charge shall be raised against the certifying officers who certified the vouchers: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture certifies that such payments were made in good faith and without fraud or collusion on the part of such disbursing officers or certifying officers.

49 Stat. 1116.

7 U. S. C. §§ 1401-1407.

Proviso.
Payments made in good faith.

Excess payments received in good faith.

SEC. 3. That where it appears payments mentioned in section 2 hereof have been made in excess of the amounts to which the persons to whom such payments were made were entitled, without fraud on their part, no action shall be taken by the United States to recover such excess payments if the Secretary of Agriculture, after such investigation as he deems appropriate, certifies that, considering the contribution made in good faith by any such person to agricultural adjustment compared with the contributions of other persons somewhat similarly situated, it would be inequitable to require refund of the excessive payments; or certifies that appropriate efforts to obtain such refunds have failed and there is no reasonable prospect of later obtaining such refunds.

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