

Condition.

of all kinds, and water rights held for the benefit of the unit, to an organization or association in form and powers satisfactory to the Secretary, representing the owners of the lands served by the unit: *Provided*, That as a condition to said conveyance, the grantee shall assume full and sole responsibility for the future care, operation, and maintenance of the unit, for which the United States shall have no further responsibility; and shall hold the United States free of all loss or liability for damages or injuries, direct or consequential, caused by the existence or operation of the unit or any of its features or structures, from and after the date of its conveyance.

Cancellation of certain charges.

SEC. 2. Upon conveyance of the Piegan unit of the Blackfeet Indian irrigation project as provided for in section 1 of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to cancel all accrued operation and maintenance charges and all construction charges with respect to the said unit.

Approved April 30, 1964.

Public Law 88-305

AN ACT

May 12, 1964
[S. 1605]

To amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, to provide for labeling of economic poisons with registration numbers, to eliminate registration under protest, and for other purposes.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, amendment.
73 Stat. 287.
Economic poisons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2.z.(2)(b) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (61 Stat. 163, as amended, 7 U.S.C., 1958 ed., Supp. III, 135(z)(2)(b)) is hereby amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end thereof the following phrase: "other than the registration number assigned to the economic poison".

Registration and labeling.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of said Act (61 Stat. 166; 7 U.S.C. 135a) is hereby amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of section 3.a.(2)(b), deleting the period at the end of section 3.a.(2)(c) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the word "and", and adding after section 3.a.(2)(c), a new provision reading as follows: "(d) when required by regulation of the Secretary to effectuate the purposes of this Act, the registration number assigned to the article under this Act."

SEC. 3. Section 4 of said Act (61 Stat. 167; 7 U.S.C. 135b) is hereby amended by changing the word "registrant" wherever it appears in subsection a. and in the first sentence of subsection c. to "applicant for registration" and by deleting the remainder of subsection c. and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"If, upon receipt of such notice, the applicant for registration does not make the corrections, the Secretary shall refuse to register the article. The Secretary, in accordance with the procedures specified herein, may suspend or cancel the registration of an economic poison whenever it does not appear that the article or its labeling or other material required to be submitted complies with the provisions of this Act. Whenever the Secretary refuses registration of an economic poison or determines that registration of an economic poison should be canceled, he shall notify the applicant for registration or the registrant of his action and the reasons therefor. Whenever an application for registration is refused, the applicant, within thirty days after service of notice of such refusal, may file a petition requesting that the matter be referred to an advisory committee or file objections and request a public hearing in accordance with this section. A cancellation of

Appeal procedures.

registration shall be effective thirty days after service of the foregoing notice unless within such time the registrant (1) makes the necessary corrections; (2) files a petition requesting that the matter be referred to an advisory committee; or (3) files objections and requests a public hearing. Each advisory committee shall be composed of experts, qualified in the subject matter and of adequately diversified professional background selected by the National Academy of Sciences and shall include one or more representatives from land-grant colleges. The size of the committee shall be determined by the Secretary. Members of an advisory committee shall receive as compensation for their services a reasonable per diem, which the Secretary shall by rules and regulations prescribe, for time actually spent in the work of the committee, and shall in addition be reimbursed for their necessary traveling and subsistence expenses while so serving away from their places of residence, all of which costs may be assessed against the petitioner, unless the committee shall recommend in favor of the petitioner or unless the matter was referred to the advisory committee by the Secretary. The members shall not be subject to any other provisions of law regarding the appointment and compensation of employees of the United States. The Secretary shall furnish the committee with adequate clerical and other assistance, and shall by rules and regulations prescribe the procedures to be followed by the committee. The Secretary shall forthwith submit to such committee the application for registration of the article and all relevant data before him. The petitioner, as well as representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, shall have the right to consult with the advisory committee. As soon as practicable after any such submission, but not later than sixty days thereafter, unless extended by the Secretary for an additional sixty days, the committee shall, after independent study of the data submitted by the Secretary and all other pertinent information available to it, submit a report and recommendation to the Secretary as to the registration of the article, together with all underlying data and a statement of the reasons or basis for the recommendations. After due consideration of the views of the committee and all other data before him, the Secretary shall, within ninety days after receipt of the report and recommendations of the advisory committee, make his determination and issue an order, with findings of fact, with respect to registration of the article and notify the applicant for registration or registrant. The applicant for registration, or registrant, may, within sixty days from the date of the order of the Secretary, file objections thereto and request a public hearing thereon. In the event a hearing is requested, the Secretary shall, after due notice, hold such public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant and material to the issues raised by such objections. Any report, recommendations, underlying data, and reasons certified to the Secretary by an advisory committee shall be made a part of the record of the hearing, if relevant and material, subject to the provisions of section 7(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 1006(c)). The National Academy of Sciences shall designate a member of the advisory committee to appear and testify at any such hearing with respect to the report and recommendations of such committee upon request of the Secretary, the petitioner, or the officer conducting the hearing: *Provided*, That this shall not preclude any other member of the advisory committee from appearing and testifying at such hearing. As soon as practicable after completion of the hearing, but not later than ninety days, the Secretary shall evaluate the data and reports before him, act upon such objections and issue an order granting, denying, or canceling the registra-

Advisory committees.

Compensation.

Findings of fact.

Public hearings.

60 Stat. 241.

Findings and conclusions.

tion or requiring modification of the claims or the labeling. Such order shall be based only on substantial evidence of record at such hearing, including any report, recommendations, underlying data, and reason certified to the Secretary by an advisory committee, and shall set forth detailed findings of fact upon which the order is based. In connection with consideration of any registration or application for registration under this section, the Secretary may consult with any other Federal agency or with an advisory committee appointed as herein provided. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3.c.(4), information relative to formulas of products acquired by authority of this section may be revealed, when necessary under this section, to an advisory committee, or to any Federal agency consulted, or at a public hearing, or in findings of fact issued by the Secretary. All data submitted to an advisory committee in support of a petition under this section shall be considered confidential by such advisory committee: *Provided*, That this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of such data by the committee in connection with its consultation with the petitioner or representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, as provided for herein, and in connection with its report and recommendations to the Secretary. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary may, when he finds that such action is necessary to prevent an imminent hazard to the public, by order, suspend the registration of an economic poison immediately. In such case, he shall give the registrant prompt notice of such action and afford the registrant the opportunity to have the matter submitted to an advisory committee and for an expedited hearing under this section. Final orders of the Secretary under this section shall be subject to judicial review, in accordance with the provisions of subsection d. In no event shall registration of an article be construed as a defense for the commission of any offense prohibited under section 3 of this Act."

SEC. 4. Section 4 of said Act (61 Stat. 167; 7 U.S.C. 135b) is hereby further amended by redesignating subsections d. and e. as subsections e. and f., and by adding a new subsection d., as follows:

"d. In a case of actual controversy as to the validity of any order under this section, any person who will be adversely affected by such order may obtain judicial review by filing in the United States court of appeals for the circuit wherein such person resides or has his principal place of business, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, within sixty days after the entry of such order, a petition praying that the order be set aside in whole or in part. A copy of the petition shall be forthwith transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Secretary, or any officer designated by him for that purpose, and thereupon the Secretary shall file in the court the record of the proceedings on which he based his order, as provided in section 2112 of title 28, United States Code. Upon the filing of such petition the court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm or set aside the order complained of in whole or in part. The findings of the Secretary with respect to questions of fact shall be sustained if supported by substantial evidence when considered on the record as a whole, including any report and recommendation of an advisory committee. If application is made to the court for leave to adduce additional evidence, the court may order such additional evidence to be taken before the Secretary, and to be adduced upon the hearing in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as to the court may seem proper, if such evidence is material and there were reasonable grounds for failure to adduce such evidence in the proceedings below.

61 Stat. 166.
7 USC 135a.

Use of data.

Suspension of
registration.

61 Stat. 166.
7 USC 135a.

Judicial review.
U.S. Court of
Appeals.

72 Stat. 941.

Additional evi-
dence.

The Secretary may modify his findings as to the facts and order by reason of the additional evidence so taken, and shall file with the court such modified findings and order. The judgment of the court affirming or setting aside, in whole or in part, any order under this section shall be final, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari or certification as provided in section 1254 of title 18 of the United States Code. The commencement of proceedings under this section shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court to the contrary, operate as a stay of an order. The court shall advance on the docket and expedite the disposition of all causes filed therein pursuant to this section."

Review by U.S.
Supreme Court.

SEC. 5. The first sentence of section 8.b. of said Act (61 Stat. 170; 7 U.S.C. 135f.(b)) is hereby amended by deleting that part beginning with the second proviso therein down to, but not including, the period at the end thereof.

Penalties.

SEC. 6. Section 3.a.(1) and section 9.a.(1)(b) of said Act (61 Stat. 166, 170; 7 U.S.C. 135a.(a)(1), 135g.(a)(1)(b)) are hereby amended by changing the phrase "has not been registered" wherever it appears therein, to read "is not registered".

SEC. 7. This Act and the amendments made hereby shall become effective upon enactment, and all existing registrations under protest issued under said Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act shall thereupon terminate.

Effective date.
Termination of
certain existing
registrations.

Approved May 12, 1964.

Public Law 88-306

AN ACT

May 14, 1964
[S. 1193]

To amend section 309(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to require that petitions for intervention be filed not more than thirty days after publication of the hearing issues in the Federal Register.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 309(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Communications
Act of 1934,
amendment.
Petitions for
intervention.
74 Stat. 891.
47 USC 309.

"(e) If, in the case of any application to which subsection (a) of this section applies, a substantial and material question of fact is presented or the Commission for any reason is unable to make the finding specified in such subsection, it shall formally designate the application for hearing on the ground or reasons then obtaining and shall forthwith notify the applicant and all other known parties in interest of such action and the grounds and reasons therefor, specifying with particularity the matters and things in issue but not including issues or requirements phrased generally. When the Commission has so designated an application for hearing, the parties in interest, if any, who are not notified by the Commission of such action may acquire the status of a party to the proceeding thereon by filing a petition for intervention showing the basis for their interest not more than thirty days after publication of the hearing issues or any substantial amendment thereto in the Federal Register. Any hearing subsequently held upon such application shall be a full hearing in which the applicant and all other parties in interest shall be permitted to participate. The burden of proceeding with the introduction of evidence and the burden of proof shall be upon the applicant, except that with respect to any issue presented by a petition to deny or a petition to enlarge the issues, such burdens shall be as determined by the Commission."

Approved May 14, 1964.