

Public Law 97-358  
97th Congress

An Act

Oct. 21, 1982  
[H.R. 6142]

To authorize the Commodity Credit Corporation to process its accumulated stocks of agricultural commodities into liquid fuels and agricultural commodity byproducts, and for the disposition thereof, and for other purposes.

Surplus  
Agricultural  
Commodities  
Disposal Act of  
1982.  
7 USC 1421 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Surplus Agricultural Commodities Disposal Act of 1982".*

SEC. 2. The Agricultural Act of 1949 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Liquid fuel and  
agricultural  
commodity  
byproducts  
processing.  
7 USC 1433b.

"SEC. 423. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to prevent the accumulation of excessive stocks of agricultural commodities through the price support and stabilization operations of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Corporation may provide, under terms and conditions established by the Secretary, for processing its accumulated stocks of agricultural commodities into liquid fuels and agricultural commodity byproducts and (1) for making such liquid fuels available by the Corporation to Federal agencies either to help meet the needs of such agencies for transportation and industrial fuels or to be stored for emergency uses, or (2) for the sale of such liquid fuels by the Corporation in commercial markets. The liquid fuels shall be made available to Federal agencies or sold at a price as determined appropriate by the Secretary, notwithstanding any price restrictions that may be contained in other provisions of law, and in a manner that does not disrupt the prices in commercial markets of liquid fuels derived from agricultural commodities.

Liquid fuel  
availability.

"(b) In determining the feasibility of providing for the processing of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks of commodities under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider the nature of the commodities, and the acquisition, transportation, handling, storage, interest, and other costs associated with acquiring and maintaining such stocks, including the effect of such stocks in depressing commodity prices, as well as the value and utility of such stocks when processed into liquid fuels and agricultural commodity byproducts.

“(c) Not later than one hundred and twenty days after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall report to the Congress with respect to the operation of this section, including any recommendations for legislative changes the Secretary finds necessary with respect to the authority provided in this section.”

Report to  
Congress.

Approved October 21, 1982.

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