

Public Law 100-518
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 24, 1988
[H.R. 4345]

To amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend through September 30, 1993, the authority contained in section 155 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 and Public Law 98-469 to charge and collect inspection and weighing fees, and for other purposes.

United States
Grain
Standards Act
Amendments
of 1988.
7 USC 71 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Grain Standards Act Amendments of 1988".

SEC. 2. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT.

Effective for the period October 1, 1988, through September 30, 1993, inclusive, the United States Grain Standards Act is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (j) of section 7 (7 U.S.C. 79(j)) to read as follows:

"(j)(1) The Administrator shall, under such regulations as the Administrator may prescribe, charge and collect reasonable inspection fees to cover the estimated cost to the Service incident to the performance of official inspection except when the official inspection is performed by a designated official agency or by a State under a delegation of authority. The fees authorized by this subsection shall, as nearly as practicable and after taking into consideration any proceeds from the sale of samples, cover the costs of the Service incident to its performance of official inspection services in the United States and on United States grain in Canadian ports, including administrative and supervisory costs related to such official inspection of grain. Such fees, and the proceeds from the sale of samples obtained for purposes of official inspection which become the property of the United States, shall be deposited into a fund which shall be available without fiscal year limitation for the expenses of the Service incident to providing services under this Act.

"(2) Each designated official agency and each State agency to which authority has been delegated under subsection (e) of this section shall pay to the Administrator fees in such amount as the Administrator determines fair and reasonable and as will cover the estimated costs incurred by the Service relating to supervision of official agency personnel and supervision by Service personnel of its field office personnel, except costs incurred under paragraph (3) of subsection (g) of this section and sections 9, 10, and 14 of this Act. The fees shall be payable after the services are performed at such times as specified by the Administrator and shall be deposited in the fund created in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Failure to pay the fee within thirty days after it is due shall result in automatic termination of the delegation or designation, which shall be reinstated upon payment, within such period as specified by the Administrator, of the fee currently due plus interest and any fur-

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ther expenses incurred by the Service because of such termination. The interest rate on overdue fees shall be as prescribed by the Secretary, but not less than the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity, plus an additional charge of not to exceed 1 per centum per annum as determined by the Secretary and adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of 1 per centum.

“(3) Any sums collected or received by the Administrator under this Act and deposited to the fund created in paragraph (1) of this subsection and any late payment penalties collected by the Administrator and credited to such fund may be invested by the Secretary in insured or fully collateralized, interest-bearing accounts or, at the discretion of the Secretary, by the Secretary of the Treasury in United States Government debt instruments. The interest earned on such sums and any late payment penalties collected by the Administrator shall be credited to the fund and shall be available without fiscal year limitation for the expenses of the Service incident to providing services under this Act.”; Securities.

(2) by amending subsection (1) of section 7A (7 U.S.C. 79(a)(1)) to read as follows: 7 USC 79a.

“(1)(1) The Administrator shall, under such regulations as the Administrator may prescribe, charge and collect reasonable fees to cover the estimated costs to the Service incident to the performance of the functions provided for under this section except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection. The fees authorized by this paragraph shall, as nearly as practicable, cover the costs of the Service incident to performance of its functions related to weighing, including administrative and supervisory costs directly related thereto. Such fees shall be deposited into the fund created in section 7(j) of this Act.

“(2) Each agency to which authority has been delegated under this section and each agency or other person which has been designated to perform functions related to weighing under this section shall pay to the Administrator fees in such amount as the Administrator determines fair and reasonable and as will cover the costs incurred by the Service relating to supervision of the agency personnel and supervision by Service personnel of its field office personnel incurred as a result of the functions performed by such agencies, except costs incurred under sections 7(g)(3), 9, 10, and 14 of this Act. The fees shall be payable after the services are performed at such times as specified by the Administrator and shall be deposited in the fund created in section 7(j) of this Act. Failure to pay the fee within thirty days after it is due shall result in automatic termination of the delegation or designation, which shall be reinstated upon payment, within such period as specified by the Administrator, of the fee currently due plus interest and any further expenses incurred by the Service because of such termination. The interest rate on overdue fees shall be as prescribed by the Secretary, but not less than the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity, plus an additional charge of not to exceed 1 per centum per annum as determined by the Secretary, and adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of 1 per centum.”;

(3) by adding before section 8 (7 U.S.C. 84) the following new section:

"LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY COSTS

7 USC 79d.

"SEC. 7D. The total administrative and supervisory costs which may be incurred under this Act for inspection and weighing (excluding standardization, compliance, and foreign monitoring activities) for each of the fiscal years 1989 through 1993 shall not exceed 40 per centum of the total costs for such activities carried out by the Service for such year.";

(4) by amending section 19 (7 U.S.C. 87h) to read as follows:

"APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 19. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for standardization and compliance activities, monitoring in foreign ports grain officially inspected and weighed under this Act, and any other expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act for each of the fiscal years during the period beginning October 1, 1988, and ending September 30, 1993, to the extent that financing is not obtained from fees and sales of samples as provided for in sections 7, 7A, and 17A of this Act.";

(5) by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7 USC 87j.

"SEC. 21. (a)(1) Not later than ninety days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall establish an advisory committee to provide advice to the Administrator with respect to implementation of this Act consistent with the declarations of policy in section 2 of this Act. The advisory committee shall consist of fifteen members, appointed by the Secretary, who represent the interests of all segments of the grain producing, processing, storing, merchandising, consuming, and exporting industries, including grain inspection and weighing agencies and scientists with expertise in research related to the policies established in section 2 of this Act. Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed to three-year terms, except that of the initial fifteen members of the advisory committee first appointed following the enactment of this section, five shall be appointed for terms of one year and five shall be appointed for terms of two years. No member of the advisory committee may serve successive terms.

"(2) To ensure a smooth transition, the advisory committee established under section 20 (as in effect prior to October 1, 1988) shall continue in existence until all members of the advisory committee established under this section are appointed; and the Secretary may appoint members of the advisory committee established under section 20 to serve on the advisory committee established under this section, without regard to the time of service of such members on the advisory committee established under section 20.

"(b) The advisory committee shall be governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

"(c) The Administrator shall provide the advisory committee with necessary clerical assistance and staff personnel.

"(d) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, if not otherwise officers or employees of the United States, except that members shall, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services under this Act, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of

subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.”.

SEC. 3. PILOT PROJECT ON CLEAN GRAIN PREMIUMS.

7 USC 1421 note.

(a) STUDY OF PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS.—

(1) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study of the schedule of premiums and discounts applied to loans made in accordance with the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) in order to determine how premiums and discounts can be used to encourage the production, marketing, and exporting of high quality, clean grain.

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(2) **REPORT BY SECRETARY.**—Not later than May 1, 1989, the Secretary shall prepare and submit, to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, a report on the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

(3) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The Secretary shall include recommendations with respect to a schedule of premiums and discounts in the report prepared under paragraph (2).

(b) PILOT PROJECT.—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT BY SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall establish a pilot project for the 1989 crops of wheat, soybeans, and feed grains to test the effectiveness of the recommendations contained in the report prepared under subsection (a) in encouraging the production, marketing, and exporting of high quality, clean grain.

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(2) **SIX MULTI-COUNTY AREAS.**—The pilot project established under paragraph (1) shall be conducted in no less than six multi-county areas, of which—

(A) two shall be areas that are predominantly wheat-producing areas;

(B) two shall be areas that are predominantly corn-producing areas; and

(C) two shall be areas that are predominantly soybean-producing areas.

(3) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary, prior to the implementation of the pilot project, shall consult with the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(c) **REVIEW OF PILOT PROJECT.**—Not later than one hundred and eighty days after the end of the 1989 marketing year for feed grains, the Secretary shall conduct a review of the pilot project established under subsection (b) and prepare and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes the result of the project. The report shall include recommendations for further encouraging the production, marketing, and exporting of high quality, clean grain.

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SEC. 4. COTTON STANDARDS.

Subsection (a) of section 5 of the United States Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 55(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking out the second sentence; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentences:
“Any fees or charges, late payment penalties, or proceeds from the sales of samples collected under this subsection, and any

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interest earned through the investment of such funds shall be credited to the current appropriation account that incurs the costs of the services provided under this Act, and shall remain available without fiscal year limitation to pay the expenses of the Secretary incident to providing services and standards under this Act and the United States Cotton Futures Act (7 U.S.C. 15b). Such funds may be invested by the Secretary in insured or fully collateralized, interest-bearing accounts or, at the discretion of the Secretary, by the Secretary of the Treasury in United States Government debt instruments."

SEC. 5. STUDY OF EFFECTS OF INCLUDING DOCKAGE WITH FOREIGN MATERIAL AS A GRADING FACTOR FOR WHEAT.

Not later than June 1, 1989, the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Federal Grain Inspection Service, shall—

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(1) conduct a study of the effects of including dockage with foreign material as a grading factor for wheat; and

(2) submit a report on the results of such study to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

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