

by the Congress, in the same manner as this Compact is required to be ratified to become effective.

ARTICLE XIV.

The schedules herein contained and the quantities of water herein allocated shall never be increased nor diminished by reason of any increases or diminution in the delivery or loss of water to Mexico.

ARTICLE XV.

The physical and other conditions characteristic of the Rio Grande and peculiar to the territory drained and served thereby, and to the development thereof, have actuated this Compact and none of the signatory states admits that any provisions herein contained establishes any general principle or precedent applicable to other interstate streams.

ARTICLE XVI.

Nothing in this Compact shall be construed as affecting the obligations of the United States of America to Mexico under existing treaties or to the Indian tribes, or as impairing the rights of the Indian tribes.

ARTICLE XVII.

This Compact shall become effective when ratified by the legislatures of each of the signatory States and consented to by the Congress of the United States. Notice of ratification shall be given by the Governor of each State to the Governors of the other States and to the President of the United States, and the President of the United States is requested to give notice to the Governors of each of the signatory States of the consent of the Congress of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Commissioners have signed this Compact in quadruplicate original, one of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Department of State of the United States of America and shall be deemed the authoritative original, and of which a duly certified copy shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory States.

Done at the City of Santa Fe, in the State of New Mexico, on the 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight.

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THOMAS M. McCLURE.  
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Approved:

S. O. HARPER.

Approved, May 31, 1939.

[CHAPTER 156]

AN ACT

To authorize further relief to water users on United States reclamation projects and on Indian reclamation projects.

May 31, 1939  
[H. R. 5076]  
[Public, No. 97]

United States and Indian reclamation projects.

Determination of ability of water users to pay construction charges.

Post, p. 1198.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to determine as to each United States and Indian reclamation project whether any of the water users' organizations or water users, as the case may be, owing construction charges to the United States on each such project

are unable, due to partial crop failure attributable to a water shortage or due to other causes beyond the control of the water users, to pay without great hardship or undue burden the full amount of the construction charges due and payable for the calendar year 1938 and of any unpaid construction charges required to be paid as a condition precedent to delivery of water in 1939. Said Secretary shall base his determinations on such data furnished by water users' organizations and water users and on such investigations and reports by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Office of Indian Affairs as he deems necessary. As to any such water users' organization or water user who according to the said Secretary's determination is unable to pay in full the construction charges due and payable for the calendar year 1938 and any unpaid construction charges required to be paid as a condition precedent to delivery of water in 1939, said Secretary is hereby authorized to grant an extension of time for the payment of such proportion of said charges as in his judgment in each case is just and equitable: *Provided*, That said Secretary may make any extension granted pursuant to the authority of this Act subject to such conditions as in his judgment are desirable in the interest of the United States. The charges so extended shall be paid at such time or times as the said Secretary may determine.

Data to be used.

Extension of time for payments where conditions justify.

*Proviso.*  
Conditions.

Definition of terms.

SEC. 2. As used in this Act the term "United States reclamation project" shall mean any irrigation project constructed by the United States, or in connection with which there has been executed a repayment contract with the United States, pursuant to the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), or any Act amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto; the term "Indian reclamation project" shall mean any irrigation project constructed by the United States under the direction of the Office of Indian Affairs, or in connection with which there has been executed a repayment contract with the United States, pursuant to Acts of Congress relating to Indian reclamation projects; and the term "construction charges" shall mean the installments on the principal obligations due each year to the United States under water-right applications, repayment contracts, orders of the Secretary of the Interior, or other forms of obligations entered into pursuant to said Federal reclamation laws, or Acts of Congress relating to Indian reclamation projects.

32 Stat. 388.

Approved, May 31, 1939.

[CHAPTER 157]

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, to make its provisions applicable to apples produced in the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

May 31, 1939  
[S. 1096]  
[Public, No. 98]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "(m)". Paragraphs (2) and (6) of section 8c are amended by inserting after the word "apples" the words ", other than apples produced in the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho,".

Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, amendment. 49 Stat. 754, 755; 50 Stat. 248, 563. 7 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 608c (2), (6). Provisions extended to include apples from certain Northwestern States.

Approved, May 31, 1939.