

## PART IX—INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

**§ 2292. General provisions****(a) Congressional policy**

The Congress, recognizing that prompt United States assistance to alleviate human suffering caused by natural and manmade disasters is an important expression of the humanitarian concern and tradition of the people of the United States, affirms the willingness of the United States to provide assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of people and countries affected by such disasters.

**(b) General authority**

Subject to limitations in section 2292a of this title, and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other Act, the President is authorized to furnish assistance to any foreign country, international organization, or private voluntary organization, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, for international disaster relief and rehabilitation, including assistance relating to disaster preparedness, and to the prediction of, and contingency planning for, natural disasters abroad.

**(c) Emergency Food Security Program****(1) In general**

Subject to the limitations in section 2292a of this title, and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other Act, the President is authorized to make available emergency food assistance, including in the form of funds, transfers, vouchers, and agricultural commodities (including products derived from agricultural commodities) acquired through local or regional procurement, to meet emergency food needs arising from man-made and natural disasters.

**(2) Designation**

Funds made available under this subsection shall be known as the “International Disaster Assistance – Emergency Food Security Program”.

**(d) Specific direction**

In carrying out the provisions of this section the President shall insure that the assistance provided by the United States shall, to the greatest extent possible, reach those most in need of relief and rehabilitation as a result of natural and manmade disasters.

(Pub. L. 87–195, pt. I, §491, as added Pub. L. 94–161, title I, §101(3), Dec. 20, 1975, 89 Stat. 849; amended Pub. L. 95–424, title I, §118(a), Oct. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 953; Pub. L. 96–533, title IV, §404(b), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3150; Pub. L. 114–195, §7(c)(1), July 20, 2016, 130 Stat. 681.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c)(1), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–195, Sept. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 424, known as the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2151 of this title and Tables.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 491 of Pub. L. 87–195, pt. I, as added Pub. L. 92–226, pt. I, §109, Feb. 7, 1972, 86 Stat. 24, pro-

vided for East Pakistan refugee relief assistance, including appropriations authorization of \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 1972, prior to repeal by section 101(2) of Pub. L. 94–161.

**AMENDMENTS**

2016—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 114–195 added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96–533 substituted “limitations” for “limitation on appropriations”.

1978—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95–424 substituted “, international organization, or private voluntary organization” for “or international organization”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 95–424 effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 605 of Pub. L. 95–424, set out as a note under section 2151 of this title.

**Executive Documents****DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS**

For delegation of functions of President under this section, see Ex. Ord. No. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 F.R. 56673, as amended, set out as a note under section 2381 of this title.

**§ 2292a. Authorization of appropriations****(a) Fiscal year authorization**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out section 2292 of this title, \$3,905,460,000 for each of the fiscal years 2024 through 2028, of which up to \$1,757,457,000 should be made available to carry out section 2292(c) of this title. Amounts appropriated under this section are authorized to remain available until expended.

**(b) Subsequent appropriations for reimbursement of additional fiscal year obligations charged against appropriation account**

In addition to amounts otherwise available to carry out this part, up to \$50,000,000 in any fiscal year may be obligated against appropriations under subchapter I of this chapter (other than this part) for use in providing assistance in accordance with the authorities and general policies of section 2292 of this title. Amounts subsequently appropriated under this part with respect to a disaster may be used to reimburse any appropriation account against which obligations were incurred under this subsection with respect to that disaster.

**(c) Amounts in addition to other amounts**

Amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to the authorizations of appropriations under section 2292(c) of this title are in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes.

**(d) Flexibility****(1) United States policy**

It is the policy of the United States that the funds made available to carry out section 2292 of this title are intended to provide the President with the greatest possible flexibility to address disaster-related needs as they arise and to prepare for and reduce the impact of natural and man-made disasters.

**(2) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that any amendments to applicable legal provisions contained