

“(c) FAMILY FARMS.—The Secretary shall not apply the regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (a) to individuals or entities comprised solely of family members (as that term is defined in section 1001(a)(2) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2))).”

“(d) MONITORING.—The regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (a) shall include a plan for monitoring the status of compliance reviews for whether a person or entity is in compliance with the regulations.”

“(e) PAPERWORK REDUCTION.—In order to conserve Federal resources and prevent unnecessary paperwork burdens, the Secretary shall ensure that any additional paperwork required as a result of the regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (a) be limited to those persons who are subject to such regulations.”

“(f) RELATION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize the Secretary to alter, directly or indirectly, existing regulations for other requirements in section 1001A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308-1).”

“(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirements of any regulation promulgated pursuant to this section shall apply beginning with the 2015 crop year.”

§ 1308-2. Denial of program benefits

(a) 2-year denial of program benefits

A person or legal entity shall be ineligible to receive payments specified in subsections (b) and (c) of section 1308 of this title for the crop year, and the succeeding crop year, in which the Secretary determines that the person or legal entity—

(1) failed to comply with section 1308-1(b) of this title and adopted or participated in adopting a scheme or device to evade the application of section 1308, 1308-1, or 1308-3 of this title; or

(2) intentionally concealed the interest of the person or legal entity in any farm or legal entity engaged in farming.

(b) Extended ineligibility

If the Secretary determines that a person or legal entity, for the benefit of the person or legal entity or the benefit of any other person or legal entity, has knowingly engaged in, or aided in the creation of a fraudulent document, failed to disclose material information relevant to the administration of sections 1308 through 1308-5 of this title, or committed other equally serious actions (as identified in regulations issued by the Secretary), the Secretary may for a period not to exceed 5 crop years deny the issuance of payments to the person or legal entity.

(c) Pro rata denial

(1) In general

Payments otherwise owed to a person or legal entity described in subsections (a) or (b) shall be denied in a pro rata manner based on the ownership interest of the person or legal entity in a farm.

(2) Cash rent tenant

Payments otherwise payable to a person or legal entity shall be denied in a pro rata manner if the person or legal entity is a cash rent tenant on a farm owned or under the control of a person or legal entity with respect to which a determination has been made under subsection (a) or (b).

(d) Joint and several liability

Any legal entity (including partnerships and joint ventures) and any member of any legal en-

tity determined to have knowingly participated in a scheme or device to evade, or that has the purpose of evading, sections 1308, 1308-1, or 1308-3 of this title shall be jointly and severally liable for any amounts that are payable to the Secretary as the result of the scheme or device (including amounts necessary to recover those amounts).

(e) Release

The Secretary may partially or fully release from liability any person or legal entity who cooperates with the Secretary in enforcing sections 1308, 1308-1, and 1308-3 of this title, and this section.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title X, §1001B, as added Pub. L. 100-203, title I, §1304(b), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-17; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title I, §1603(c)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 215; Pub. L. 110-234, title I, §1603(e), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1010; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title I, §1603(e), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1738.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Section was enacted as part of the Food Security Act of 1985, and not as part of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §1603(e), amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If the Secretary of Agriculture determines that any person has adopted a scheme or device to evade, or that has the purpose of evading, section 1308, 1308-1, or 1308-3 of this title, such person shall be ineligible to receive farm program payments (as described in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1308 of this title as being subject to limitation) applicable to the crop year for which such scheme or device was adopted and the succeeding crop year.”

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 substituted “as described in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1308 of this title” for “as described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1308 of this title”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-203, title I, §1304(b), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-17, provided that this section is effective beginning with the 1989 crops.

TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Section, as in effect on Sept. 30, 2007, to continue to apply with respect to the 2007 and 2008 crops of any covered commodity or peanuts, see section 1603(h) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1308 of this title.

§ 1308-3. Foreign persons made ineligible for program benefits

Notwithstanding any other provision of law: