

TIVITIES” of title I of div. A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Pub. L. 110–161.

#### § 2254c. Research

There is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022 for the Agricultural Research Service to address gaps in nutrition research at the critical intersections of responsive agriculture, quality food production, and human nutrition and health.

(Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title VII, § 756, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2109; Pub. L. 117–158, § 4(c), June 25, 2022, 136 Stat. 1312.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117–158 substituted “for each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022” for “for fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter”.

#### § 2255. Membership in International Wheat Advisory Committee, International Sugar Council, etc.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to expend funds, available for agricultural conservation, adjustment, and land use programs, for the share of the United States as a member of the International Wheat Advisory Committee, the International Sugar Council, or like events or bodies concerned with the objectives of said program, together with traveling and other necessary expenses relating thereto: *Provided*, That expenditures under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, § 701(a), 58 Stat. 741.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to sections 570 and 574 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89–554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

#### Executive Documents

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

#### § 2255a. Financial assistance to national and international conferences

On and after October 21, 1993, appropriations available to the Department of Agriculture can be used to provide financial assistance to the organizers of national and international conferences, if such conferences are in support of agency programs.

(Pub. L. 103–111, title I, Oct. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 1050.)

#### § 2255b. Department of Agriculture conference transparency

##### (a) Report

###### (1) Requirement

Not later than September 30 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture shall 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 conferences sponsored or held by the Department of Agriculture or attended by employees of the Department of Agriculture.

###### (2) Contents

Each report under paragraph (1) shall contain—

(A) for each conference sponsored or held by the Department or attended by employees of the Department—

- (i) the name of the conference;
- (ii) the location of the conference;
- (iii) the number of Department of Agriculture employees attending the conference; and
- (iv) the costs (including travel expenses) relating to such conference; and

(B) for each conference sponsored or held by the Department of Agriculture for which the Department awarded a procurement contract, a description of the contracting procedures related to such conference.

###### (3) Exclusions

The requirement in paragraph (1) shall not apply to any conference—

- (A) for which the cost to the Federal Government was less than \$50,000; or
- (B) outside of the United States that is attended by the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee as an official representative of the United States government.

##### (b) Availability of report

Each report submitted in accordance with subsection (a) shall be posted in a searchable format on a Department of Agriculture website that is available to the public.

##### (c) Definition of conference

In this section, the term “conference”—

- (1) means a meeting that—
  - (A) is held for consultation, education, awareness, or discussion;
  - (B) includes participants from at least one agency of the Department of Agriculture;
  - (C) is held in whole or in part at a facility outside of an agency of the Department of Agriculture; and
  - (D) involves costs associated with travel and lodging for some participants; and
- (2) does not include any training program that is continuing education or a curriculum-based educational program, provided that such training program is held independent of a conference of a non-governmental organization.

(Pub. L. 110–234, title XIV, § 14208, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1462; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title XIV, § 14208, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2224; Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, § 12611, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5013.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 115-334, which directed amendment of section 14209(a)(3)(A) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 by substituting “\$50,000” for “\$10,000”, was executed by making the substitution in subsec. (a)(3)(A) of this section, which is section 14208 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 2256. Inspections, analyses, and tests for other Government departments and agencies; reimbursement**

The head of any department or independent establishment of the Government requiring inspections, analyses, and tests of food and other products, within the scope of the functions of the Department of Agriculture and which that Department is unable to perform within the limits of its appropriations, may, with the approval of the Secretary, transfer to the Department for direct expenditure such sums as may be necessary for the performance of such work.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, § 702(a), 58 Stat. 741.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 571 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 2257. Interchangeability of funds for miscellaneous expenses and general expenses**

Not to exceed 7 per centum of the amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the miscellaneous expenses of the work of any bureau, division, or office of the Department of Agriculture shall be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects included within the general expenses of such bureau, division, or office, but no more than 7 per centum shall be added to any one item of appropriation except in cases of extraordinary emergency.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, § 702(b), 58 Stat. 741.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 572 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title

5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 2258. Purchase of newspapers**

The Department of Agriculture is authorized to subscribe for such newspapers as may be necessary to carry out its authorized work.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, § 704, 58 Stat. 742; Pub. L. 110-161, div. A, title VII, § 740, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 1881.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 573 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

## AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-161 struck out “: *Provided*, That purchases under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein” before period at end.

**§ 2259. Market-inspection certificates as prima facie evidence**

Market-inspection certificates issued by authorized agents of the Department of Agriculture shall be received in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title IV, § 401(c), 58 Stat. 738.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 575 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§§ 2260, 2260a. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10418(a)(3), (4), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 507**

Section 2260, act Aug. 28, 1950, ch. 815, 64 Stat. 561, related to inspection or quarantine services involving overtime furnished upon a reimbursable basis.

Section 2260a, Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, § 919, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1191, related to reimbursable agreements.

**§ 2261. Credit of donations and proceeds from exhibitions to appropriations concerned with foreign market development programs**

In the conduct of foreign market development programs, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to credit contributions from individuals, firms, associations, agencies, and other groups, and the proceeds received from space rentals, and sales of products and materials at exhibitions, to the appropriations charged with the cost of acquiring such space, products, and materials.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title II, § 203, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 307.)