sentence of section 7111(b) of title 5 or section 7111(f)(4) of such title, be treated as if it had occurred pursuant to an election.

(3) Delegation

(A) In general

The Federal Labor Relations Authority may delegate to any regional director (as referred to in section 7105(e) of title 5) its authority under the preceding provisions of this subsection.

(B) Review

Any action taken by a regional director under subparagraph (A) shall be subject to review under the provisions of section 7105(f) of title 5 in the same manner as if such action had been taken under section 7105(e) of such title, except that in the case of a decision not to certify, such review shall be required if application therefor is filed by an affected party within the time specified in such provisions.

(c) "Affected party" defined

For purposes of this section, the term ''affected party'' means—

(1) with respect to an exercise of authority by the Secretary under this chapter, any labor organization affected thereby; and

(2) the Department of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 103–354, title II, § 291, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3235.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (c)(1), was in the original ''this title'', meaning title II of Pub. L. 103–354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209, known as the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6901 of this title and Tables.

§ 7012. Purchase of American-made equipment and products

(a) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased using funds made available pursuant to this chapter should be American-made.

(b) Notice requirement

In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available pursuant to this chapter, the Secretary, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

(Pub. L. 103–354, title II, § 292, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3237.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original ''this title'', meaning title II of Pub. L. 103–354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209, known as the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6901 of this title and Tables.

§ 7013. Repealed. Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, § 12414(a)(7), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4981

Section, Pub. L. 103–354, title II, § 295, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3238, related to proposed conforming amendments.

§ 7014. Termination of authority

(a) In general

Subject to subsection (b), the authority delegated to the Secretary by this chapter to reorganize the Department shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after October 13, 1994.

(b) Functions

Subsection (a) shall not affect:

(1) The authority of the Secretary to continue to carry out a function that the Secretary performs on the date that is 2 years after October 13, 1994.

(2) The authority delegated to the Secretary under Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953 (5 U.S.C. App.; 7 U.S.C. 2201 note).

(3) The authority of an agency, office, officer, or employee of the Department to continue to perform all functions delegated or assigned to the entity or person as of that termination date.

(4) The authority of the Secretary to establish in the Department the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs under section 7005 of this title.

(5) The authority of the Secretary to establish within the Department the position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights, and delegate duties to the Assistant Secretary, under section 6918 of this title.

(6) The authority of the Secretary to establish in the Department, under section 6971 of this title—

(A) the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics;

(B) the Office of the Chief Scientist; and

(C) the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(7) The authority of the Secretary to establish in the Department the Office of Advocacy and Outreach in accordance with section 6934 of this title.

(8) The authority of the Secretary to carry out amendments made to this chapter by the Agricultural Act of 2014.

(9) The authority of the Secretary to carry out the amendments made to this chapter by section 772 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018.

(10) The authority of the Secretary to carry out the amendments made to this chapter by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

(Pub. L. 103–354, title II, § 296, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3238; Pub. L. 105–277, div. A, § 101(a) [title X, § 1001(4)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681–42; Pub. L. 107–171, title X, § 10704(c), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 518; Pub. L. 110–234, title VII, § 7511(b), title XIV, § 14013(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1267, 1453; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7511(b),

title XIV, §14013(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2028, 2215; Pub. L. 113–79, title I, §1610(b), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 710; Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, §§12411(b)(2), 12416, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4980, 4982.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b)(8)–(10), was in the original ''this title'', meaning title II of Pub. L. 103–354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3209, known as the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6901 of this title and Tables.

Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953, June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, which is set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

The Agricultural Act of 2014, referred to in subsec. (b)(8), is Pub. L. 113–79, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 649. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9001 of this title and Tables.

Section 772 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, referred to in subsec. (b)(9), is section 772 of title VII of div. A of Pub. L. 115–141, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 397. Subsec. (a)(2) of section 772 of Pub. L. 115–141 is classified to section 6931 of this title. The remainder of section 772 of Pub. L. 115–141 is not classified to the Code.

The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, referred to in subsec. (b)(10), is Pub. L. 115–334, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4490. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2018 Amendment note set out under section 9001 of this title and Tables.

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.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(6)(B). Pub. L. 115–334, §12411(b)(2), substituted ''Office of the Chief Scientist'' for ''Research, Education, and Extension Office''.

Subsec. (b)(9), (10). Pub. L. 115–334, §12416, added pars. (9) and (10).

2014—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113–79, §1610(b)(2)–(4), substituted ''The authority'' for ''the authority'' in pars. (1) to (7), a period for semicolon at end of pars. (1) to (5), and a period for ''; or'' at end of par. (6)(C).

Pub. L. 113–79, §1610(b)(1), substituted ''affect:'' for ''affect—'' in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(8). Pub. L. 113–79, §1610(b)(5), added par. (8).

2008—Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 110–246, §7511(b), added par. (6).

Subsec. (b)(7). Pub. L. 110–246, §14013(b), added par. (7).

2002—Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 107–171 added par. (5).

1998—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 105–277 added par. (4).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to the Office of Advocacy and Outreach deemed to be a reference to the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, see section 12406(a)(2) of Pub. L. 115–334, set out as a note under section 6934 of this title.

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.

SUBCHAPTER X—FREEDOM TO E-FILE

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

This subchapter was enacted as part of the Freedom to E-File Act, and not as part of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 which in part comprises this chapter.

§ 7031. Electronic filing and retrieval

(a) In general

Not later than 180 days after June 20, 2000, in accordance with subsection (c), the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this subchapter as the ''Secretary'') shall, to the maximum extent practicable, establish an Internet-based system that enables agricultural producers to access all forms of the agencies of the Department of Agriculture (referred to in this subchapter as the ''Department'') specified in subsection (b).

(b) Applicability

The agencies referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

(1) The Farm Service Agency.

(2) The Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(3) The rural development components of the Department included in the Secretary's service center initiative regarding State and field office collocation implemented pursuant to section 6915 of this title.

(4) The agricultural producer programs component of the Commodity Credit Corporation administered by the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(c) Implementation

In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) provide a method by which agricultural producers may—

(A) download from the Internet the forms of the agencies specified in subsection (b); and

(B) submit completed forms via electronic facsimile, mail, or similar means;

(2) redesign the forms by incorporating into the forms user-friendly formats and self-help guidance materials; and

(3) ensure that the agencies specified in subsection (b)—

(A) use computer hardware and software that is compatible among the agencies and will operate in a common computing environment; and

(B) develop common Internet user-interface locations and applications to consolidate the agencies' news, information, and program materials.

(d) Progress reports

Not later than 180 days after June 20, 2000, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes the progress made toward implementing the Internet-based system required under this section.