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#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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#### § 7736. Court jurisdiction

##### (a) In general

The United States district courts, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the Virgin Islands, the highest court of American Samoa, and the United States courts of other territories and possessions are vested with jurisdiction in all cases arising under this chapter. Any action arising under this chapter may be brought, and process may be served, in the judicial district where a violation or interference occurred or is about to occur, or where the person charged with the violation, interference, impending violation, impending interference, or failure to pay resides, is found, transacts business, is licensed to do business, or is incorporated.

##### (b) Exception

This section does not apply to the imposition of civil penalties under section 7734(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title IV, § 426, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 451.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

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#### SUBCHAPTER III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### § 7751. Cooperation

##### (a) In general

The Secretary may cooperate with other Federal agencies or entities, States or political subdivisions of States, national governments, local governments of other nations, domestic or international organizations, domestic or international associations, and other persons to carry out this chapter.

##### (b) Responsibility

The individual or entity cooperating with the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be responsible for—

- (1) the authority necessary to conduct the operations or take measures on all land and

properties within the foreign country or State, other than those owned or controlled by the United States; and

- (2) other facilities and means as the Secretary determines necessary.

##### (c) Transfer of biological control methods

The Secretary may transfer to a State, Federal agency, or other person biological control methods using biological control organisms against plant pests or noxious weeds.

##### (d) Cooperation in program administration

The Secretary may cooperate with State authorities or other persons in the administration of programs for the improvement of plants, plant products, and biological control organisms.

##### (e) Phytosanitary issues

The Secretary shall ensure that phytosanitary issues involving imports and exports are addressed based on sound science and consistent with applicable international agreements. To accomplish these goals, the Secretary may—

- (1) conduct direct negotiations with plant health officials or other appropriate officials of other countries;
- (2) provide technical assistance, training, and guidance to any country requesting such assistance in the development of agricultural health protection systems and import/export systems; and
- (3) maintain plant health and quarantine expertise in other countries—

(A) to facilitate the establishment of phytosanitary systems and the resolution of phytosanitary issues;

(B) to assist those countries with agricultural health protection activities; and

(C) to provide general liaison on agricultural health issues with the plant health or other appropriate officials of the country.

##### (f) Transfer of cooperative agreement fund

##### (1) In general

A State may provide to a unit of local government in the State described in paragraph (2) any cost-sharing assistance or financing mechanism provided to the State under a cooperative agreement entered into under this Act between the Secretary and the State relating to the eradication, prevention, control, or suppression of plant pests.

##### (2) Requirements

To be eligible for assistance or financing under paragraph (1), a unit of local government shall be—

(A) engaged in any activity relating to the eradication, prevention, control, or suppression of the plant pest infestation covered under the cooperative agreement between the Secretary and the State; and

(B) capable of documenting each plant pest infestation eradication, prevention, control, or suppression activity generally carried out by—

- (i) the Department of Agriculture; or
- (ii) the State department of agriculture that has jurisdiction over the unit of local government.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title IV, § 431, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 451; Pub. L. 110-234, title X, § 10206, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1346; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title X, § 10206, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2107.)

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This Act, referred to in subsec. (f)(1), is Pub. L. 106-224, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 358, known as the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2000 Amendment note set out under section 1501 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

2008—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110-246, § 10206, added subsec. (f).

#### 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.

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#### § 7752. Buildings, land, people, claims, and agreements

##### (a) In general

To the extent necessary to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may acquire and maintain all real or personal property for special purposes and employ any persons, make grants, and enter into any contracts, cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements.

##### (b) Tort claims

###### (1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may pay tort claims in the manner authorized in the first paragraph of section 2672 of title 28, when the claims arise outside the United States in connection with activities that are authorized under this chapter.

###### (2) Requirements of claim

A claim may not be allowed under this subsection unless the claim is presented in writ-

ing to the Secretary within 2 years after the date on which the claim accrues.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title IV, § 432, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 452.)

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#### § 7753. Reimbursable agreements

##### (a) Authority to enter into agreements

The Secretary may enter into reimbursable fee agreements with persons for preclearance of plants, plant products, biological control organisms, and articles at locations outside the United States for movement into the United States.

##### (b) Funds collected for preclearance

Funds collected for preclearance shall be credited to accounts which may be established by the Secretary for this purpose and shall remain available until expended for the preclearance activities without fiscal year limitation.

##### (c) Payment of employees

###### (1) In general

Notwithstanding any other law, the Secretary may pay employees of the Department of Agriculture performing services relating to imports into and exports from the United States, for all overtime, night, or holiday work performed by them, at rates of pay established by the Secretary.

###### (2) Reimbursement of the Secretary

###### (A) In general

The Secretary may require persons for whom the services are performed to reimburse the Secretary for any sums of money paid by the Secretary for the services.

###### (B) Use of funds

All funds collected under this paragraph shall be credited to the account that incurs the costs and shall remain available until expended without fiscal year limitation.

##### (d) Late payment penalties

###### (1) Collection

Upon failure to reimburse the Secretary in accordance with this section, the Secretary may assess a late payment penalty, and the