

**(2) Factors in determining civil penalty**

In determining the amount of a civil penalty, the Secretary shall take into account the nature, circumstance, extent, and gravity of the violation or violations and the Secretary may consider, with respect to the violator—

- (A) the ability to pay;
- (B) the effect on ability to continue to do business;
- (C) any history of prior violations;
- (D) the degree of culpability; and
- (E) such other factors as the Secretary considers to be appropriate.

**(3) Settlement of civil penalties**

The Secretary may compromise, modify, or remit, with or without conditions, any civil penalty that may be assessed under this subsection.

**(4) Finality of orders****(A) Final order**

The order of the Secretary assessing a civil penalty shall be treated as a final order reviewable under chapter 158 of title 28.

**(B) Review**

The validity of the order of the Secretary may not be reviewed in an action to collect the civil penalty.

**(C) Interest**

Any civil penalty not paid in full when due under an order assessing the civil penalty shall thereafter accrue interest until paid at the rate of interest applicable to civil judgments of the courts of the United States.

**(c) Liability for acts of agents**

In the construction and enforcement of this chapter, the act, omission, or failure of any officer, agent, or person acting for or employed by any other person within the scope of the employment or office of the officer, agent, or person, shall be deemed also to be the act, omission, or failure of the other person.

**(d) Guidelines for civil penalties**

Subject to the approval of the Attorney General, the Secretary shall establish guidelines to determine under what circumstances the Secretary may issue a civil penalty or suitable notice of warning in lieu of prosecution by the Attorney General of a violation of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10414, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 504; Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, §11012(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1360; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XI, §11012(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2122.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle E (§§10401-10418) of title X of Pub. L. 107-171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 494, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of subtitle E to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8301 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. (b)(1)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 110-246, §11012(a), added cl. (iii) and struck out former cl. (iii) which read as follows: “\$500,000 for all violations adjudicated in a single proceeding; or”.

**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.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to agricultural import and entry inspection activities under this chapter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 231, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 8314. Enforcement****(a) Collection of information****(1) In general**

The Secretary may gather and compile information and conduct any inspection or investigation that the Secretary considers to be necessary for the administration or enforcement of this chapter.

**(2) Subpoenas****(A) In general**

The Secretary shall have the power to subpoena the attendance and testimony of any witness, the production of all evidence (including books, papers, documents, electronically stored information, and other tangible things that constitute or contain evidence), or to require the person to whom the subpoena is directed to permit the inspection of premises relating to the administration or enforcement of this chapter<sup>1</sup> or any matter under investigation in connection with this chapter.<sup>1</sup>

**(B) Location of production**

The attendance of any witness and production of evidence relevant to the inquiry may be required from any place in the United States.

**(C) Enforcement****(i) In general**

In case of disobedience to a subpoena by any person, the Secretary may request the Attorney General to invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction in which the investigation is conducted, or where the person resides, is found, transacts business, is licensed to do business, or is incorporated, to require the attendance and testimony of any witness, the production of evidence, or the inspection of premises.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**(ii) Noncompliance**

In case of a refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, a court may order the person to appear before the Secretary and give evidence concerning the matter in question, produce evidence, or permit the inspection of premises.

**(iii) Contempt**

Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as contempt of the court.

**(D) Compensation****(i) Witnesses**

A witness summoned by the Secretary under this chapter shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to a witness in a court of the United States.

**(ii) Depositions**

A witness whose deposition is taken, and the person taking the deposition, shall be entitled to the same fees that are paid for similar services in a court of the United States.

**(E) Procedures****(i) Publication**

The Secretary shall publish procedures for the issuance of subpoenas under this section.

**(ii) Review**

The procedures shall include a requirement that subpoenas be reviewed for legal sufficiency and, to be effective, be signed by the Secretary.

**(iii) Delegation**

If the authority to sign a subpoena is delegated to an agency other than the Office of Administrative Law Judges, the agency receiving the delegation shall seek review of the subpoena for legal sufficiency outside that agency.

**(b) Authority of Attorney General**

The Attorney General may—

(1) prosecute, in the name of the United States, all criminal violations of this chapter that are referred to the Attorney General by the Secretary or are brought to the notice of the Attorney General by any person;

(2) bring an action to enjoin the violation of or to compel compliance with this chapter, or to enjoin any interference by any person with the Secretary in carrying out this chapter, in any case in which the Secretary has reason to believe that the person has violated, or is about to violate this chapter or has interfered, or is about to interfere, with the actions of the Secretary; or

(3) bring an action for the recovery of any unpaid civil penalty, funds under a reimbursable agreement, late payment penalty, or interest assessed under this chapter.

**(c) Court jurisdiction****(1) In general**

The United States district courts, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the

Northern Mariana Islands, the District Court of the Virgin Islands, the highest court of American Samoa, and the United States courts of the other territories and possessions are vested with jurisdiction in all cases arising under this chapter.

**(2) Venue**

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.

**(3) Exception**

Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to sections 8309(c) and 8313(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10415, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 505; Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, § 11012(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1360; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XI, § 11012(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2122.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(A), was in the original “this title”, and was translated as reading “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle E (§§ 10401-10418) of title X of Pub. L. 107-171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 494, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## 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. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11012(b)(1), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary shall have power to issue a subpoena to compel the attendance and testimony of any witness and the production of any documentary evidence relating to the administration or enforcement of this chapter or any matter under investigation in connection with this chapter.”

Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11012(b)(2), struck out “documentary” before “evidence”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C)(i). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11012(b)(3)(A), substituted “testimony of any witness, the production of evidence, or the inspection of premises” for “testimony of any witness and the production of documentary evidence”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C)(ii). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11012(b)(3)(B), substituted “question, produce evidence, or permit the inspection of premises” for “question or to produce documentary evidence”.

**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.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to agricultural import and entry in-

spection activities under this chapter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 231, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

### § 8315. Regulations and orders

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations, and issue such orders, as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10416, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 507.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle E (§§10401–10418) of title X of Pub. L. 107–171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 494, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of subtitle E to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8301 of this title and Tables.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to agricultural import and entry inspection activities under this chapter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 231, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

### § 8316. Authorization of appropriations

#### (a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this chapter.

#### (b) Transfer of funds

##### (1) In general

In connection with an emergency under which a pest or disease of livestock threatens any segment of agricultural production in the United States, the Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds available to the agencies or corporations of the Department of Agriculture such funds as the Secretary determines are necessary for the arrest, control, eradication, or prevention of the spread of the pest or disease of livestock and for related expenses.

##### (2) Availability

Any funds transferred under this subsection shall remain available until expended, without fiscal year limitation.

##### (3) Reviewability

The action of any officer, employee, or agent of the Secretary in carrying out this section (including determining the amount of and making any payment authorized to be made under this chapter) shall not be subject to review by any officer or employee of the Federal Government other than the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary.

#### (c) Use of funds

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may use funds made available to carry out this chapter for—

(1) the employment of civilian nationals in foreign countries; and

(2) the construction and operation of research laboratories, quarantine stations, and other buildings and facilities for special purposes.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10417, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 507; Pub. L. 110–234, title XI, §11011(3), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1360; Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title XI, §11011(3), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2122.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle E (§§10401–10418) of title X of Pub. L. 107–171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 494, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of subtitle E to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8301 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. (b)(3). Pub. L. 110–246, §11011(3), struck out “of longer than 60 days” after “review”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

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##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to agricultural import and entry inspection activities under this chapter to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 231, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

### § 8317. Effect on regulations

A regulation issued under a provision of law repealed by subsection (a) shall remain in effect until the Secretary issues a regulation under section 8303(b) or 8315 of this title that supercedes the earlier regulation.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title X, §10418(c), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 509.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subsection (a), referred to in text, means section 10418(a) of title X of Pub. L. 107–171, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 507, which repealed sections 429, 2260, and 2260a of this title, section 1306 of Title 19, Customs Duties, sections 102 to 105, 111, 112, 113, 114 to 114d–1, 114e to 114h, 115 to 131, 134 to 135b, and 612 to 614 of Title 21, Food and Drugs, sections 3901 and 3902 of Title 46, Shipping, and provisions set out as a note under section 129a of Title 21.