

EXTENSION OF LIMITATIONS ON FEE AMOUNTS AND
USAGE OF FEES

Subsection (c)(3)(B) of this section to continue in effect through Sept. 30, 2018, see section 401(a) of Pub. L. 115-141, formerly set out as a note under section 136a-1 of this title.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. M, title IV, § 401(b)(2), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1050, extended the authority provided by this section until Sept. 30, 2018.

§ 136x. Severability

If any provision of this subchapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this subchapter which can be given effect without regard to the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subchapter are severable.

(June 25, 1947, ch. 125, § 34, formerly § 26, as added Pub. L. 92-516, § 2, Oct. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 998; renumbered § 30, Pub. L. 95-396, § 24(1), Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 836; renumbered § 33, Pub. L. 104-170, title I, § 121(1), Aug. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 1492; renumbered § 34, Pub. L. 108-199, div. G, title V, § 501(f)(1), Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 422.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 34 of act June 25, 1947, ch. 125, was renumbered section 35 and is classified to section 136y of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date of section, see section 4 of Pub. L. 92-516, set out as a note under section 136 of this title.

§ 136y. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter (other than section 136u(a) of this title)—

(1) \$83,000,000 for fiscal year 1989, of which not more than \$13,735,500 shall be available for research under this subchapter;

(2) \$95,000,000 for fiscal year 1990, of which not more than \$14,343,600 shall be available for research under this subchapter; and

(3) \$95,000,000 for fiscal year 1991, of which not more than \$14,978,200 shall be available for research under this subchapter.

(June 25, 1947, ch. 125, § 35, formerly § 27, as added Pub. L. 92-516, § 2, Oct. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 998; amended Pub. L. 94-51, July 2, 1975, 89 Stat. 257; Pub. L. 94-109, Oct. 10, 1975, 89 Stat. 571; Pub. L. 94-140, § 3, Nov. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 752; renumbered § 31 and amended Pub. L. 95-396, §§ 24(1), 25, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 836, 838; Pub. L. 96-539, § 3, Dec. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 3195; Pub. L. 98-201, § 2, Dec. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 1380; Pub. L. 99-198, title XVII, § 1768, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1656; Pub. L. 100-532, title VII, § 701, Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2679; renumbered § 34, Pub. L. 104-170, title I, § 121(1), Aug. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 1492; renumbered § 35, Pub. L. 108-199, div. G, title V, § 501(f)(1), Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 422.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Another section 1768 of Pub. L. 99-198 enacted sections 154a and 159 and amended sections 151, 154, and 157 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-532 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter for the period beginning October 1, 1985, and ending September 30, 1986, \$68,604,200 of which not more than \$11,993,100 shall be available for research under this subchapter.”

1985—Pub. L. 99-198 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$68,604,200 for fiscal year 1986 of which not more than \$11,993,100 shall be available for research for former provisions which had authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1973 through 1984.

1983—Pub. L. 98-201 authorized necessary appropriations for period beginning Oct. 1, 1983, and ending Sept. 30, 1984, not in excess of \$64,200,000.

1980—Pub. L. 96-539 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations for period beginning Oct. 1, 1979, and ending Sept. 30, 1980, and for period beginning Oct. 1, 1980, and ending Sept. 30, 1981.

1978—Pub. L. 95-396, § 25, substituted appropriations authorization of \$46,636,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1977, for prior authorization of \$23,600,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and ending Mar. 31, 1977, and authorized appropriations of \$54,500,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1977, and ending Sept. 30, 1978, and such sums as may be necessary, limited to \$70,000,000, for period beginning Oct. 1, 1978, and ending Sept. 30, 1979.

1975—Pub. L. 94-140 authorized appropriation of \$47,868,000 to carry out provisions of this subchapter for period beginning Oct. 1, 1975, and ending Sept. 30, 1976, and \$23,600,000 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and ending Mar. 31, 1977.

Pub. L. 94-109 inserted provisions authorizing appropriation of \$5,983,500 for period beginning Oct. 1, 1975 and ending Nov. 15, 1975.

Pub. L. 94-51 authorized appropriation of \$11,967,000 to carry out provisions of this subchapter for period beginning July 1, 1975, and ending Sept. 30, 1975.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-532, title VII, § 701, Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2679, provided that amendment made by Pub. L. 100-532 is effective Oct. 1, 1988.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date of section, see section 4 of Pub. L. 92-516, set out as a note under section 136 of this title.

CHAPTER 6A—NATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

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§ 138. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) Agricultural product

The term “agricultural product” means any fresh fruit or vegetable or any commodity or

product derived from livestock or fowl, that is marketed in the United States for human consumption.

(2) Certificate

The term “certificate” means a certificate of accreditation issued under this chapter.

(3) Laboratory

The term “laboratory” means any facility or vehicle that is owned by an individual or a public or private entity and is equipped and operated for the purpose of carrying out pesticide residue analysis on agricultural products for commercial purposes.

(4) Pesticide

The term “pesticide” means any substance that alone, in chemical combination, or in any formulation with one or more substances, is defined as a pesticide in section 136(u) of this title.

(5) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1321, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3562.)

§ 138a. National Laboratory Accreditation Program

(a) Establishment of Program

The Secretary shall administer a National Laboratory Accreditation Program under which laboratories that request accreditation and conduct residue testing of agricultural products, or that make claims to the public or buyers of agricultural products concerning chemical residue levels on agricultural products, shall be determined to meet certain minimum quality and reliability standards.

(b) Standards

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Secretary and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish, through regulations, standards for the National Laboratory Accreditation program¹ that shall include—

- (1) standards applicable to laboratories;
- (2) qualifications for directors and other personnel; and
- (3) standards and procedures for quality assurance programs.

(c) Accrediting bodies

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall approve State agencies or private, non-profit entities as accrediting bodies to act on behalf of such Secretary in implementing the certification and quality assurance programs in accordance with the requirements of this section. In making such approvals the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

- (1) oversee and review the performance of any accrediting body acting on behalf of the Secretary to ensure that such accrediting body is in compliance with the requirements of the certification program under this section; and

- (2) have the right to obtain from an accrediting body acting on behalf of the Secretary and from any laboratory that may be certified by such a body all records and materials that may be necessary for the oversight and review required by paragraph (1).

(d) Requirements

To be accredited under this chapter, a laboratory shall—

- (1) prepare and submit an application for accreditation to the Secretary; and
- (2) comply with such terms and conditions as are determined necessary by the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(e) Exceptions

This chapter shall not apply to—

- (1) a laboratory operated by a government agency;
- (2) a laboratory operated by a corporation that only performs analysis of residues on agricultural products for such corporation or any wholly owned subsidiary of such corporation and does not make claims to the public or buyers based on such analysis;
- (3) a laboratory operated by a partnership that only performs analysis of residues on agricultural products for the partners of such partnership and does not make claims to the public or buyers based on such analysis; or
- (4) a laboratory not operated for commercial purposes that performs pesticide chemical residue analysis on agricultural products for research or quality control for the internal use of a person who is initiating the analysis.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1322, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3562.)

§ 138b. Accreditation

(a) In general

The Secretary shall issue certificates of accreditation to laboratories that meet the requirements of this chapter, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Requirements for accreditation

To receive accreditation under this chapter, a laboratory shall prepare and submit an application for accreditation to the Secretary and shall complete such required tests, and meet such standards as established under section 138a of this title.

(c) Failure to meet accreditation standards

The Secretary shall deny an application for accreditation or shall revoke any existing accreditation with respect to any laboratory that fails to meet the requirements for accreditation under this chapter.

(d) Limited accreditation

The Secretary may issue certificates of accreditation to laboratories that are limited to specific fields of testing.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1323, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3563.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

§ 138c. Samples**(a) Performance evaluation samples****(1) Provided by Secretary**

The Secretary shall ensure that performance evaluation samples are provided to any laboratory that has applied for accreditation under this chapter.

(2) Analysis by laboratory

A laboratory described in paragraph (1) shall analyze such performance evaluation samples and submit the results of such analysis to the Secretary, as provided for in section 138a of this title.

(3) Testing methods

Samples shall be tested by the laboratory according to methods specifically approved for such purpose by alternate methods of demonstrated adequacy or equivalence, as determined in regulations established under this chapter.

(b) Results of testing**(1) Submission of results**

The laboratory shall submit the results of the tests conducted under subsection (a) to the Secretary on forms provided by the Secretary, on or before the date determined by the Secretary.

(2) Evaluation of tests

The Secretary shall evaluate the results of such tests achieved by the laboratory and shall determine whether such laboratory is capable of undertaking an accurate analysis of chemical residues in agricultural products.

(c) Review of accreditation

The Secretary shall ensure that performance evaluation samples for analysis are provided to laboratories accredited under this chapter not less than two times a year.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1324, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3564.)

§ 138d. Application**(a) Contents of application**

An application for accreditation under this chapter shall be prepared and submitted to the Secretary and shall include—

- (1) the name and address of the laboratory;
- (2) the name and address of the owners and managers of such laboratory;
- (3) a statement concerning the type of analysis the laboratory intends to conduct;
- (4) a brief history of the laboratory and its previous operations; and
- (5) such other information as may be required by the Secretary.

(b) Restrictions on submission of application

A laboratory that has been denied, or has lost, accreditation under this chapter shall not reapply for accreditation until the expiration of at least 6 months after such denial or loss of accreditation. Corrective actions taken by the laboratory to address deficiencies upon which the denial or loss of accreditation was based must accompany the reapplication.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1325, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3564.)

§ 138e. Reporting**(a) In general**

Each laboratory or individual that performs, brokers, or otherwise arranges for the performance of a pesticide chemical analysis of food shall prepare and submit a report, simultaneously to the Secretary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to the owner of such food, that shall contain any finding of pesticide chemical residues in such food—

- (1) for which no chemical residue tolerance or exemption has been established;
- (2) that is in excess of residue tolerances; or
- (3) for which the chemical residue tolerance has been revoked or the chemical residue is otherwise not permitted by the Environmental Protection Agency.

(b) Timing of report

A laboratory shall submit the report required under subsection (a) to the Secretary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the owner of such food as soon as practicable after the completion of the analysis of such food.

(c) Guidelines

The Secretary shall adopt standardized reporting guidelines to be applied to laboratories under this section and shall provide such guidelines to laboratories accredited under this chapter, as well as other sources of information regarding applicable pesticide chemical tolerances.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1326, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3565.)

§ 138f. Fees**(a) In general**

At the time that an application for accreditation is received by the Secretary and annually thereafter, a laboratory seeking accreditation by the Secretary under the authority of this chapter, the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) shall pay to the Secretary a nonrefundable accreditation fee. All fees collected by the Secretary shall be credited to the account from which the expenses of the laboratory accreditation program are paid and, subject to subsection (e), shall be available immediately and remain available until expended to pay the expenses of the laboratory accreditation program.

(b) Amount of fee

The fee required under this section shall be established by the Secretary in an amount that will offset the cost of the laboratory accreditation programs administered by the Secretary under the statutory authorities set forth in subsection (a).

(c) Reimbursement of expenses

Each laboratory that is accredited under a statutory authority set forth in subsection (a) or that has applied for accreditation under such authority shall reimburse the Secretary for reasonable travel and other expenses necessary to perform onsite inspections of the laboratory.

(d) Adjustment of fees

The Secretary may, on an annual basis, adjust the fees imposed under this section as necessary to support the full costs of the laboratory accreditation programs carried out under the statutory authorities set forth in subsection (a).

(e) Appropriations prerequisite

No fees collected under this section may be used to offset the cost of laboratory accreditation without appropriations made under subsection (f).

(f) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary for laboratory accreditation services under this section.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1327, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3565; Pub. L. 102-237, title X, §1017, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1904.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Meat Inspection Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is titles I to V of act Mar. 4, 1907, ch. 2907, as added Pub. L. 90-201, Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 584, and Pub. L. 110-246, title XI, §11015(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 2124, which are classified generally to subchapters I to IV-A (§601 et seq.) of chapter 12 of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 601 of Title 21 and Tables.

The Poultry Products Inspection Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 85-172, Aug. 28, 1957, 71 Stat. 441, which is classified generally to chapter 10 (§451 et seq.) of Title 21. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 451 of Title 21 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-237 amended section generally, in subsec. (a), inserting provisions relating to Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act and provisions relating to crediting and availability of fees, in subsec. (b), substituting provisions relating to fee under this section for provisions relating to fee under subsec. (a) of this section, and provisions relating to laboratory accreditation programs administered by Secretary under statutory authorities set forth in subsec. (a) of this section for provisions relating to program established under this chapter, in subsec. (c), substituting provisions relating to statutory authority set forth in subsec. (a) of this section for provisions relating to this chapter, in subsec. (d), substituting provisions relating to laboratory accreditation programs under statutory authority set forth in subsec. (a) of this section for provisions relating to program established under this chapter, and adding subsecs. (e) and (f).

§ 138g. Public disclosure

The results of the evaluations of laboratories conducted by the Secretary under this chapter shall be made available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to the public on request.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1328, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3565.)

§ 138h. Regulations

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1329, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3565.)

§ 138i. Effect of other laws

Nothing in this chapter shall alter the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIII, §1330, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3565.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, referred to in text, is act June 25, 1938, ch. 675, 52 Stat. 1040, which is classified generally to chapter 9 (§301 et seq.) of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 301 of Title 21 and Tables.

CHAPTER 7—INSECT PESTS GENERALLY**§§ 141 to 144. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-36, title I, § 111, May 23, 1957, 71 Stat. 35**

Sections were from act Mar. 3, 1905, ch. 1501, §§1-4, 33 Stat. 1269. See chapter 7B of this title.

Section 141 prohibited transportation or removal of insect pests.

Section 142 related to punishment for mailing parcels, etc., containing insect pests.

Section 143 related to regulations for mailing, transportation, etc., of insect pests for scientific purposes.

Section 144, amended Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1263, §16, 68 Stat. 1232, related to punishment for unlawful transportation or removal of insect pests.

§ 145. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-231, § 2, Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 216

Section, act Oct. 6, 1917, ch. 79, §1, 40 Stat. 374, provided for cooperation with Mexico and adjacent States in extermination of pink bollworm infestations in Mexico and related operations.

§§ 146, 147. Omitted**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section 146, act Feb. 9, 1927, ch. 90, 44 Stat. 1065, authorized an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to eradicate or control European corn borer.

Section 147, act May 24, 1928, ch. 734, 45 Stat. 734, authorized an additional appropriation of \$7,000,000 to eradicate or control European corn borer.

§§ 147a, 147b. Transferred**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section 147a, acts Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title I, §102, 58 Stat. 735, as amended, which related to fees for inspection of plants for exporting or transiting, was transferred to section 7759 of this title.

Section 147b, Pub. L. 97-46, §1, Sept. 25, 1981, 95 Stat. 953, as amended, which related to transfer of funds for emergency arrest of animal or poultry diseases, was transferred to section 129a of Title 21, Food and Drugs, and was subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10418(a)(1), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 507.

§§ 148, 148a. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-224, title IV, § 438(a)(6), June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 454

Section 148, acts Apr. 6, 1937, ch. 69, 50 Stat. 57; May 9, 1938, ch. 192, 52 Stat. 344; Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 731, 68 Stat.