

2008—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 110-246, §1510(b), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary shall take such actions as the Secretary considers necessary to verify the accuracy of the information submitted or reported under this subchapter.”

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 110-246, §1510(a), added subsec. (d) and redesignated former subsec. (d) as (e).

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.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM

Pub. L. 111-239, §3(b), Sept. 27, 2010, 124 Stat. 2502, provided that: “Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 27, 2010], the Secretary of Agriculture shall implement the electronic reporting system required by subsection (d) of section 273 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1637b), as amended by subsection (a). Until the electronic reporting system is implemented, the Secretary shall continue to conduct mandatory dairy product information reporting under the authority of such section, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.”

SUBCHAPTER IV—COUNTRY OF ORIGIN  
LABELING

§ 1638. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) **Beef**

The term “beef” means meat produced from cattle (including veal).

(2) **Covered commodity**

(A) **In general**

The term “covered commodity” means—

- (i) muscle cuts of beef, lamb, and pork;
- (ii) ground beef, ground lamb, and ground pork;
- (iii) farm-raised fish;
- (iv) wild fish;
- (v) a perishable agricultural commodity;
- (vi) peanuts; and<sup>1</sup>
- (vii) meat produced from goats;
- (viii) chicken, in whole and in part;
- (ix) ginseng;
- (x) pecans; and
- (xi) macadamia nuts.

(B) **Exclusions**

The term “covered commodity” does not include an item described in subparagraph (A) if the item is an ingredient in a processed food item.

(3) **Farm-raised fish**

The term “farm-raised fish” includes—

- (A) farm-raised shellfish; and
- (B) fillets, steaks, nuggets, and any other flesh from a farm-raised fish or shellfish.

(4) **Food service establishment**

The term “food service establishment” means a restaurant, cafeteria, lunch room, food stand, saloon, tavern, bar, lounge, or other similar facility operated as an enter-

prise engaged in the business of selling food to the public.

(5) **Lamb**

The term “lamb” means meat, other than mutton, produced from sheep.

(6) **Perishable agricultural commodity; retailer**

The terms “perishable agricultural commodity” and “retailer” have the meanings given the terms in section 499a(b) of this title.

(7) **Pork**

The term “pork” means meat produced from hogs.

(8) **Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Agricultural Marketing Service.

(9) **Wild fish**

(A) **In general**

The term “wild fish” means naturally-born or hatchery-raised fish and shellfish harvested in the wild.

(B) **Inclusions**

The term “wild fish” includes a fillet, steak, nugget, and any other flesh from wild fish or shellfish.

(C) **Exclusions**

The term “wild fish” excludes net-pen aquacultural or other farm-raised fish.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, §281, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 533; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, §11002(1), May 22, 2008, 112 Stat. 1351; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XI, §11002(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2113.)

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—Par. (2)(A)(vii) to (xi). Pub. L. 110-246, §11002(1), added cls. (vii) to (xi).

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§ 1638a. Notice of country of origin

(a) **In general**

(1) **Requirement**

Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a retailer of a covered commodity shall inform consumers, at the final point of sale of the covered commodity to consumers, of the country of origin of the covered commodity.

(2) **Designation of country of origin for beef, lamb, pork, chicken, and goat meat**

(A) **United States country of origin**

A retailer of a covered commodity that is beef, lamb, pork, chicken, or goat meat may

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The word “and” probably should not appear.

designate the covered commodity as exclusively having a United States country of origin only if the covered commodity is derived from an animal that was—

(i) exclusively born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States;

(ii) born and raised in Alaska or Hawaii and transported for a period of not more than 60 days through Canada to the United States and slaughtered in the United States; or

(iii) present in the United States on or before July 15, 2008, and once present in the United States, remained continuously in the United States.

**(B) Multiple countries of origin**

**(i) In general**

A retailer of a covered commodity that is beef, lamb, pork, chicken, or goat meat that is derived from an animal that is—

(I) not exclusively born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States,

(II) born, raised, or slaughtered in the United States, and

(III) not imported into the United States for immediate slaughter,

may designate the country of origin of such covered commodity as all of the countries in which the animal may have been born, raised, or slaughtered.

**(ii) Relation to general requirement**

Nothing in this subparagraph alters the mandatory requirement to inform consumers of the country of origin of covered commodities under paragraph (1).

**(C) Imported for immediate slaughter**

A retailer of a covered commodity that is beef, lamb, pork, chicken, or goat meat that is derived from an animal that is imported into the United States for immediate slaughter shall designate the origin of such covered commodity as—

(i) the country from which the animal was imported; and

(ii) the United States.

**(D) Foreign country of origin**

A retailer of a covered commodity that is beef, lamb, pork, chicken, or goat meat that is derived from an animal that is not born, raised, or slaughtered in the United States shall designate a country other than the United States as the country of origin of such commodity.

**(E) Ground beef, pork, lamb, chicken, and goat**

The notice of country of origin for ground beef, ground pork, ground lamb, ground chicken, or ground goat shall include—

(i) a list of all countries of origin of such ground beef, ground pork, ground lamb, ground chicken, or ground goat; or

(ii) a list of all reasonably possible countries of origin of such ground beef, ground pork, ground lamb, ground chicken, or ground goat.

**(3) Designation of country of origin for fish**

**(A) In general**

A retailer of a covered commodity that is farm-raised fish or wild fish may designate

the covered commodity as having a United States country of origin only if the covered commodity—

(i) in the case of farm-raised fish, is hatched, raised, harvested, and processed in the United States; and

(ii) in the case of wild fish, is—

(I) harvested in the United States, a territory of the United States, or a State, or by a vessel that is documented under chapter 121 of title 46 or registered in the United States; and

(II) processed in the United States, a territory of the United States, or a State, including the waters thereof, or aboard a vessel that is documented under chapter 121 of title 46 or registered in the United States.

**(B) Designation of wild fish and farm-raised fish**

The notice of country of origin for wild fish and farm-raised fish shall distinguish between wild fish and farm-raised fish.

**(4) Designation of country of origin for perishable agricultural commodities, ginseng, peanuts, pecans, and macadamia nuts**

**(A) In general**

A retailer of a covered commodity that is a perishable agricultural commodity, ginseng, peanut, pecan, or macadamia nut may designate the covered commodity as having a United States country of origin only if the covered commodity is exclusively produced in the United States.

**(B) State, region, locality of the United States**

With respect to a covered commodity that is a perishable agricultural commodity, ginseng, peanut, pecan, or macadamia nut produced exclusively in the United States, designation by a retailer of the State, region, or locality of the United States where such commodity was produced shall be sufficient to identify the United States as the country of origin.

**(b) Exemption for food service establishments**

Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a covered commodity if the covered commodity is—

(1) prepared or served in a food service establishment; and

(2)(A) offered for sale or sold at the food service establishment in normal retail quantities; or

(B) served to consumers at the food service establishment.

**(c) Method of notification**

**(1) In general**

The information required by subsection (a) of this section may be provided to consumers by means of a label, stamp, mark, placard, or other clear and visible sign on the covered commodity or on the package, display, holding unit, or bin containing the commodity at the final point of sale to consumers.

**(2) Labeled commodities**

If the covered commodity is already individually labeled for retail sale regarding country

of origin, the retailer shall not be required to provide any additional information to comply with this section.

**(d) Audit verification system**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may conduct an audit of any person that prepares, stores, handles, or distributes a covered commodity for retail sale to verify compliance with this subchapter (including the regulations promulgated under section 1638c(b) of this title).

**(2) Record requirements**

**(A) In general**

A person subject to an audit under paragraph (1) shall provide the Secretary with verification of the country of origin of covered commodities. Records maintained in the course of the normal conduct of the business of such person, including animal health papers, import or customs documents, or producer affidavits, may serve as such verification.

**(B) Prohibition on requirement of additional records**

The Secretary may not require a person that prepares, stores, handles, or distributes a covered commodity to maintain a record of the country of origin of a covered commodity other than those maintained in the course of the normal conduct of the business of such person.

**(e) Information**

Any person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer shall provide information to the retailer indicating the country of origin of the covered commodity.

**(f) Certification of origin**

**(1) Mandatory identification**

The Secretary shall not use a mandatory identification system to verify the country of origin of a covered commodity.

**(2) Existing certification programs**

To certify the country of origin of a covered commodity, the Secretary may use as a model certification programs in existence on May 13, 2002, including—

(A) the carcass grading and certification system carried out under this Act;

(B) the voluntary country of origin beef labeling system carried out under this Act;

(C) voluntary programs established to certify certain premium beef cuts;

(D) the origin verification system established to carry out the child and adult care food program established under section 1766 of title 42; or

(E) the origin verification system established to carry out the market access program under section 5623 of this title.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 282, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 533; amended Pub. L. 107-206, title I, § 208, Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 833; Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, § 11002(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1352; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XI, § 11002(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2113.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (f)(2)(A), (B), is act Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, 60 Stat. 1082, which enacted this chapter and sections 427h to 427j of this title and amended section 427 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

May 13, 2002, referred to in subsec. (f)(2), was in the original “the date of enactment of this Act”, which was translated as meaning the date of enactment of Pub. L. 107-171, which enacted this subchapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

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) to (4). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11002(2)(A), added pars. (2) to (4) and struck out former pars. (2) and (3) which related to designation of United States as country of origin for beef, lamb, pork, fish, perishable agricultural commodities, and peanuts, and requirement that notice of country of origin for fish shall distinguish between wild and farm-raised fish.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-246, § 11002(2)(B), added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may require that any person that prepares, stores, handles, or distributes a covered commodity for retail sale maintain a verifiable recordkeeping audit trail that will permit the Secretary to verify compliance with this subchapter (including the regulations promulgated under section 1638c(b) of this title).”

2002—Subsec. (a)(2)(D). Pub. L. 107-206 amended subpar. (D) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (D) read as follows: “in the case of wild fish, is—

“(i) harvested in waters of the United States, a territory of the United States, or a State; and

“(ii) processed in the United States, a territory of the United States, or a State, including the waters thereof; and”.

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.

**§ 1638b. Enforcement**

**(a) Warnings**

If the Secretary determines that a retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer is in violation of section 1638a of this title, the Secretary shall—

(1) notify the retailer<sup>1</sup> of the determination of the Secretary; and

(2) provide the retailer<sup>1</sup> a 30-day period, beginning on the date on which the retailer<sup>1</sup> receives the notice under paragraph (1) from the Secretary, during which the retailer<sup>1</sup> may take necessary steps to comply with section 1638a of this title.

**(b) Fines**

If, on completion of the 30-day period described in subsection (a)(2), the Secretary determines that the retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer has—

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “retailer or person”.

(1) not made a good faith effort to comply with section 1638a of this title, and

(2) continues to willfully violate section 1638a of this title with respect to the violation about which the retailer or person received notification under subsection (a)(1),

after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Secretary with respect to the violation, the Secretary may fine the retailer or person in an amount of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 283, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title X, § 10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 110–234, title XI, § 11002(3), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1354; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title XI, § 11002(3), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2116.)

#### 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—Pub. L. 110–246, § 11002(3), redesignated subsec. (b) as (a) and substituted “retailer or person engaged in the business of supplying a covered commodity to a retailer” for “retailer” in introductory provisions, added subsec. (b), and struck out former subsecs. (a) and (c) which related to applicability of section 1636b of this title to a violation of this subchapter and fine for violation of section 1638a of this title. The substitution in subsec. (a) was made for “retailer” the first time appearing to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### 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.

### § 1638c. Regulations

#### (a) Guidelines

Not later than September 30, 2002, the Secretary shall issue guidelines for the voluntary country of origin labeling of covered commodities based on the requirements of section 1638a of this title.

#### (b) Regulations

Not later than September 30, 2004, the Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this subchapter.

#### (c) Partnerships with States

In promulgating the regulations, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, enter into partnerships with States with enforcement infrastructure to assist in the administration of this subchapter.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 284, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title X, § 10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535.)

### § 1638d. Applicability

This subchapter shall apply to the retail sale of a covered commodity beginning September 30, 2008, except for “farm-raised fish” and “wild fish” which shall be September 30, 2004.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 285, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title X, § 10816, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 108–199, div. A, title VII, § 749, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 109–97, title VII, § 792, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2164.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109–97 substituted “2008” for “2006”.

2004—Pub. L. 108–199 substituted “2006, except for ‘farm-raised fish’ and ‘wild fish’ which shall be September 30, 2004” for “2004”.

## CHAPTER 39—STABILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT MARKET

Sec.

1641. Availability of wheat for export; utilization of funds and facilities; prices; authorization of appropriations.

1642. Enforcement by President.

### § 1641. Availability of wheat for export; utilization of funds and facilities; prices; authorization of appropriations

The President is authorized, acting through the Commodity Credit Corporation, to make available or cause to be made available, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, such quantities of wheat and wheat-flour and at such prices as are necessary to exercise the rights, obtain the benefits, and fulfill the obligations of the United States under the International Wheat Agreement of 1949 signed by Australia, Canada, France, the United States, Uruguay, and certain wheat importing countries, along with the agreements signed by the United States and certain other countries revising and renewing such agreement of 1949 for periods through July 31, 1965 (hereinafter collectively called the “International Wheat Agreement”). Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preclude the Secretary of Agriculture, in carrying out programs to encourage the exportation of agricultural commodities and products thereof pursuant to section 612c of this title, from utilizing funds available for such programs in such manner as, either separately or jointly with the Commodity Credit Corporation, to exercise the rights, obtain the benefits, and fulfill all or any part of the obligations of the United States under the International Wheat Agreement or to preclude the Commodity Credit Corporation in otherwise carrying out wheat and wheat-flour export programs as authorized by law. Nothing contained in this chapter shall limit the duty of the Commodity Credit Corporation to the maximum extent practicable consistent with the fulfillment of the Corporation’s purposes and the effective and efficient conduct of its business to utilize the usual and customary channels, facilities, and arrangements of trade and commerce in making available or causing to be made available wheat and wheat-flour under this chapter. The pricing provisions of section 1510(e)<sup>1</sup> of title 22 and section 713a–9 of title 15, shall not be applicable to domestic wheat and wheat-flour supplied to countries which are parties to the International Wheat Agreement and credited to their guaranteed purchases thereunder on and after August

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