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H. R. 5224

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Food Re-
5 lief Partnership Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID TRANS-**
7 **PORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION**
8 **OF SHELF STABLE PREPACKAGED FOODS.**

9 Title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and
10 Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) is amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 **“SEC. 208. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID**
13 **TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DIS-**
14 **TRIBUTION OF SHELF STABLE PRE-**
15 **PACKAGED FOODS.**

16 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator is author-
17 ized to provide grants to—

18 “(1) United States nonprofit organizations (de-
19 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
20 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section
21 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) for
22 the preparation of shelf stable prepackaged foods re-
23 quested by eligible organizations and the establish-
24 ment and maintenance of stockpiles of such foods in
25 the United States; and

1 “(2) private voluntary organizations and inter-
2 national organizations for the rapid transportation,
3 delivery, and distribution of such shelf stable pre-
4 packaged foods to needy individuals in foreign coun-
5 tries.

6 “(b) GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STOCK-
7 PILES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 70 percent
9 of the amount made available to carry out this sec-
10 tion shall be used to provide grants under subsection
11 (a)(1).

12 “(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under
13 subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall give pref-
14 erence to a United States nonprofit organization
15 that agrees to provide non-Federal funds in an
16 amount equal to 50 percent of the funds received
17 under a grant under subsection (a)(1), an in kind
18 contribution equal to such percent, or a combination
19 thereof, for the preparation of shelf stable pre-
20 packaged foods and the establishment and mainte-
21 nance of stockpiles of such foods in the United
22 States in accordance with such subsection.

23 “(c) GRANTS FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION, DELIV-
24 ERY, AND DISTRIBUTION.—Not less than 20 percent of

1 the amount made available to carry out this section shall
2 be used to provide grants under subsection (a)(2).

3 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 10 percent
4 of the amount made available to carry out this section may
5 be used by the Administrator for the administration of
6 grants under subsection (a).

7 “(e) REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES.—Not later than
8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section,
9 the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of
10 Agriculture, shall issue such regulations or guidelines as
11 the Administrator determines to be necessary to carry out
12 this section, including regulations or guidelines that pro-
13 vide to United States nonprofit organizations eligible to
14 receive grants under subsection (a)(1) guidance with re-
15 spect to the requirements for qualified shelf stable pre-
16 packaged foods and the amount of such foods to be stock-
17 piled by such organizations.

18 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
20 appropriated to the Administrator for the purpose of
21 carrying out this section, in addition to amounts
22 otherwise available for such purposes, \$3,000,000
23 for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

24 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated
25 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations

1 under paragraph (1) are authorized to remain avail-
2 able until expended.”.

3 **SEC. 3. PREPOSITIONING OF COMMODITIES.**

4 Section 407(c) of the Agricultural Trade Develop-
5 ment and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1736a(c)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(4) PREPOSITIONING.—Funds made available
9 for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 to carry out titles II
10 and III of this Act may be used by the Adminis-
11 trator to procure, transport, and store agricultural
12 commodities for prepositioning within the United
13 States and in foreign countries, except that for each
14 such fiscal year not more than \$2,000,000 of such
15 funds may be used to store agricultural commodities
16 for prepositioning in foreign countries.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 25,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.