Public Law 93-646

AN ACT

To amend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, and for other purposes.

January 4, 1975
[H. R. 15977]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Export-Import Bank Amendments of 1974.

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Export-Import Bank Amendments of 1974".

12 USC 635 note.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

SEC. 2. Section 2(a)(1) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended—

12 USC 635.

(1) by inserting in the third sentence immediately after "other evidences of indebtedness;" the following: "to guarantee, insure, coinsure, and reinsure against political and credit risks of loss;";

(2) by inserting in the third sentence immediately after "competent jurisdiction;" the following: "to represent itself or to contract for representation in all legal and arbitral proceedings outside the United States;"; and

(3) by inserting after the fourth sentence the following new sentence: "The Bank is authorized to publish or arrange for the publication of any documents, reports, contracts, or other material necessary in connection with or in furtherance of its objects and purposes without regard to the provisions of section 501 of title 44, United States Code, whenever the Bank determines that publication in accordance with the provisions of such section would not be practicable.".

POLICY

SEC. 3. Section 2(b)(1) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended to read as follows:

12 USC 635.

"(b)(1)(A) It is the policy of the United States to foster expansion of exports of goods and related services, thereby contributing to the promotion and maintenance of high levels of employment and real income and to the increased development of the productive resources of the United States. To meet this objective, the Export-Import Bank is directed, in the exercise of its functions, to provide guarantees, insurance, and extensions of credit at rates and on terms and other conditions which are competitive with the Government-supported rates and terms and other conditions available for the financing of exports from the principal countries whose exporters compete with United States exporters. The Bank shall, in cooperation with the export financing instrumentalities of other governments, seek to minimize competition in government-supported export financing. The Bank shall, on a semiannual basis, report to the appropriate committees of Congress its actions in complying with these directives. In this report the Bank shall include a survey of all other major export-financing facilities available from other governments and government-related agencies through which foreign exporters compete with the United States exporters and indicate in specific terms the ways in which the Bank's rates, terms, and other conditions compare with those offered from such other governments directly or indirectly. Further, the Bank shall at the same time survey a representative number of United States exporters and United States commercial lending institutions which provide export credit to determine their experience in meeting financial competition from other countries whose exporters compete

Expansion of exports of goods and services.

Reports to congressional committees.

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with United States exporters. The results of this survey shall be included as part of the semiannual report required by this subparagraph. The Bank shall also include in the semiannual report a description of each loan by the Bank involving the export of any product or service related to the production, refining or transportation of any type of energy or the development of any energy resource with a statement assessing the impact, if any, on the availability of such products, services, or energy supplies thus developed for use within the United States.

Report on energy-related loans.

"(B) It is further the policy of the United States that loans made by the Bank shall bear interest at rates determined by the Board of Directors of the Bank, taking into consideration the average cost of money to the Bank as well as the Bank's mandate to support United States exports at rates and on terms and conditions which are competitive with exports of other countries; that the Bank in the exercise of its functions should supplement and encourage, and not compete with, private capital; that the Bank shall accord equal opportunity to export agents and managers, independent export firms, and small commercial banks in the formulation and implementation of its programs; that the Bank shall give due recognition to the policy stated in section 2(a) of the Small Business Act that 'the Government should aid, counsel, assist, and protect, insofar as is possible, the interests of small business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enterprise' and that in furtherance of this policy the Board of Directors shall designate an officer of the Bank who shall be responsible to the President of the Bank for all matters concerning or affecting small business concerns and who, among other duties, shall be responsible for advising small businessmen of the opportunities for small business concerns in the functions of the Bank and for maintaining liaison with the Small Business Administration and other departments and agencies in matters affecting small business concerns; that loans, so far as possible consistent with the carrying out of the purposes of subsection (a) of this section, shall generally be for specific purposes, and, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, offer reasonable assurance of repayment; and that in authorizing any loan or guarantee, the Board of Directors shall take into account any serious adverse effect of such loan or guarantee on the competitive position of United States industry, the availability of materials which are in short supply in the United States, and employment in the United States.".

15 USC 631.

NATIONAL INTEREST DETERMINATIONS

12 USC 635.

SEC. 4. Section 2(b)(2) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended to read as follows:

"(2) The Bank in the exercise of its functions shall not guarantee, insure, or extend credit, or participate in any extension of credit—

"(A) in connection with the purchase or lease of any product by a Communist country (as defined in section 620(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961), or agency, or national thereof, or

22 USC 2370.

"(B) in connection with the purchase or lease of any product by any other foreign country, or agency or national thereof, if the product to be purchased or leased by such other country, agency, or national is, to the knowledge of the Bank, principally for use in, or sale or lease to, a Communist country (as so defined),

unless the President determines that guarantees, insurance, or extensions of credit in connection therewith to such Communist or such other country or agency or national thereof would be in the national interest. The President shall make a separate determination with respect to each transaction in which the Bank would extend a loan to such Communist or such other country, or agency, or national thereof

an amount of $50,000,000 or more. Any determination required under the first sentence of this paragraph shall be reported to the Congress not later than the earlier of thirty days following the date of such determination, or the date on which the Bank takes final action on a transaction which is the first transaction involving such country or agency or national after the date of enactment of the Export-Import Bank Amendments of 1974, unless a determination with respect to such country or agency or national has been made and reported prior to such date of enactment. Any determination required to be made under the second sentence of this paragraph shall be reported to the Congress not later than the earlier of thirty days following the date of such determination or the date on which the Bank takes final action on the transaction involved."

Report to Congress.

Ante, p. 2333.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

SEC. 5. Section 2(b) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended—

12 USC 635.

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

"(3) No loan or financial guarantee or combination thereof in an amount which equals or exceeds $60,000,000 shall be finally approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank, and no loan or financial guarantee or combination thereof which equals or exceeds $25,000,000 for the export of goods or services involving research, exploration, or production of fossil fuel energy resources in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics shall be finally approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank, unless in each case the Bank has submitted to the Congress with respect to such loan, financial guarantee, or combination thereof, a detailed statement describing and explaining the transaction, at least 25 days of continuous session of the Congress prior to the date of final approval. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, continuity of a session of the Congress shall be considered as broken only by an adjournment of the Congress sine die, and the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than 3 days to a day certain shall be excluded in the computation of the 25 day period referred to in such sentence. Such statement shall contain—

"(A) a brief description of the purposes of the transaction, the identity of the party or parties requesting the loan or financial guarantee, the nature of the goods or services to be exported, and the use for which the goods or services are to be exported; and

"(B) a full explanation of the reasons for Bank financing of the transaction, the amount of the loan to be provided by the Bank, the approximate rate and repayment terms at which such loan will be made available and the approximate amount of the financial guarantee."

FRACTIONAL CHARGE OF GUARANTEES AND INSURANCE

SEC. 6. Section 2(c)(1) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended to read as follows:

12 USC 635.

"(c)(1) The Bank is authorized and empowered to charge against the limitations imposed by section 7 of this Act, not less than 25 per centum of the related contractual liability which the Bank incurs for

12 USC 635e.

guarantees, insurance, coinsurance, and reinsurance against political and credit risks of loss. The aggregate amount of guarantees, insurance, coinsurance, and reinsurance which may be charged on this fractional basis pursuant to this section shall not exceed $20,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time. Fees and premiums shall be charged in connection with such contracts commensurate, in the judgment of the Bank, with risks covered.".

INTEREST RATE ON OBLIGATIONS OF THE BANK

12 USC 635d.

SEC. 7. Section 6 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended by striking the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following new sentence: "Each such Bank obligation issued to the Treasury after the enactment of the Export-Import Bank Amendments of 1974 shall bear interest at a rate not less than the current average yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity during the month preceding the issuance of the obligation of the Bank as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.".

AUTHORITY

12 USC 635e.

SEC. 8. Section 7 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" after "Sec. 7";

(2) by striking out "$20,000,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$25,000,000,000"; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

Exports to U.S.S.R.
Ante, p. 2333.

"(b) After the date of enactment of the Export-Import Bank Amendments of 1974, the Bank shall not approve any loans or financial guarantees, or combination thereof, in connection with exports to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in an aggregate amount in excess of $300,000,000. No such loan or financial guarantee, or combination thereof, shall be for the purchase, lease, or procurement of any product or service for production (including processing and distribution) of fossil fuel energy resources. Not more than $40,000,000 of such aggregate amount shall be for the purchase, lease, or procurement of any product or service which involves research or exploration of fossil fuel energy resources. The President may establish a limitation in excess of $300,000,000 if he determines that such higher limitation is in the national interest and if he reports such determination to the Congress together with the reasons therefor, including the amount of such proposed increase which would be available for the export of products and services for research, exploration, and production (including processing and distribution) of fossil fuel energy resources in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and if, after the receipt of such report together with the reasons, the Congress adopts a concurrent resolution approving such determination."

Presidential determination; report to Congress.

EXPIRATION

Ante, p. 1368.

SEC. 9. Section 8 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended by striking out "November 30, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1978".

REPORT

12 USC 635g.

SEC. 10. Section 9 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is amended to read as follows:

Annual report to Congress.

"SEC. 9. (a) The Export-Import Bank of the United States shall transmit to the Congress annually a complete and detailed report of its operations. Such report shall be as of the close of business on the last day of each fiscal year.

"(b) The report shall contain a description of actions taken by the Bank in pursuance of the policy of aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting, insofar as is possible, the interests of small business concerns."

CEILING ON BORROWING BY NATIONAL BANKS

SEC. 11. Section 5202 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (12 U.S.C. 82), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Twelfth. Liabilities incurred in borowing from the Export-Import Bank of the United States.".

RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRADE REFORM ACT

SEC. 12. Until such time as the Trade Reform Act is approved by the Congress and signed into law by the President, no loan, guarantee, insurance, or credit shall be extended by the Export-Import Bank of the United States to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

12 USC 635 note.
Ante, p. 1978.

REPEAL OF SECTION 2(a)(2)

SEC. 13. Effective at the close of September 30, 1976, section 2(a)(2) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945 is repealed.

12 USC 635.

Approved January 4, 1975.

Public Law 93-647

AN ACT

To amend the Social Security Act to establish a consolidated program of Federal financial assistance to encourage provision of services by the States.

January 4, 1975
[H. R. 17045]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Social Services Amendments of 1974".

Social Services Amendments of 1974.
42 USC 1397 note.

PART A—SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENTS

SEC. 2. The Social Security Act is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new title:

42 USC 1305.

"TITLE XX—GRANTS TO STATES FOR SERVICES

"APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED

"SEC. 2001. For the purpose of encouraging each State, as far practicable under the conditions in that State, to furnish services directed at the goal of—

42 USC 1397.

"(1) achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency,

"(2) achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency,

"(3) preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating, or reuniting families,

"(4) preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care, or

"(5) securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions,

there is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year a sum sufficient to carry out the purposes of this title. The sums made available under this section shall be used for making payments to States under section 2002.

Infra.

"PAYMENTS TO STATES

"SEC. 2002. (a)(1) From the sums appropriated therefor, the Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this section and section 2003, pay to each State, for each quarter, an amount equal to 90 per centum of the total expenditures during that quarter for the provision of fam-

42 USC 1397a.
Post, p. 2343.