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To amend the Food for Peace Act to reform the food assistance programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROYCE (for himself and Ms. BASS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Food for Peace Act to reform the food assistance programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

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 “Food Aid Reform Act”.

5 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
6 **FOOD FOR PEACE ACT**

7 **SEC. 101. FOOD AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.**

8 Section 3(b)(1)(C) of the Food for Peace Act (7
9 U.S.C. 1691a(b)(1)(C)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “, provision of funds” and in-
2 sserting “and provision of funds”; and

3 (2) by striking “, and monetization of commod-
4 ities,”.

5 **SEC. 102. EMERGENCY AND PRIVATE ASSISTANCE PRO-**
6 **GRAMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Food for Peace Act
8 is amended as follows:

9 (1) In the title heading, by striking “**AND**
10 **PRIVATE**”.

11 (2) In section 201 (7 U.S.C. 1721)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
13 by striking “agricultural commodities” and in-
14 sserting “assistance, including agricultural com-
15 modities,”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “inclu-
17 sive and sustainable” after “promote”.

18 (3) In section 202 (7 U.S.C. 1722)—

19 (A) in the section heading, by striking
20 “**AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES**” and insert-
21 ing “**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**”;

22 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “agricul-
23 tural commodities” and inserting “assistance,
24 including agricultural commodities,”;

1 (C) by striking subsections (b), (c), (d),
2 and (e); and

3 (D) in subsection (h)(3)—

4 (i) by striking “section 207(f)” and
5 inserting “section 207”; and

6 (ii) by striking “fiscal years 2009
7 through 2011” and inserting “fiscal years
8 2014 through 2018”.

9 (4) By striking section 203 (7 U.S.C. 1723).

10 (5) By striking section 204 (7 U.S.C. 1724).

11 (6) In section 205 (7 U.S.C. 1725)—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “that
13 may involve eligible organizations described in
14 section 202(d)(1)”;

15 (B) in subsection (f), by striking “Decem-
16 ber 31, 2012” and inserting “September 30,
17 2018”.

18 (7) In section 207(f) (7 U.S.C. 1726a(f))—

19 (A) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

21 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
22 (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and
23 (E), respectively; and

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “Food,
2 Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008” and in-
3 serting “Food Aid Reform Act”.

4 (8) In section 207 (7 U.S.C. 1726a)—

5 (A) by striking subsections (a), (b), (c),
6 (d), and (e);

7 (B) in subsection (f)(2)—

8 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

9 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
10 (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and
11 (E), respectively; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 subsection:

14 “(h) APPLICABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORI-
15 TIES UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—

16 The administrative authorities contained in chapter 2 of
17 part III of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
18 2381 et seq.) shall apply to programs carried out under
19 this title to the same extent and in the same manner as
20 such administrative authorities apply to programs carried
21 out under such Act.”.

22 (b) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-
23 ment made by paragraph (6)(B) shall take effect as of
24 December 31, 2012.

1 **SEC. 103. GENERAL AUTHORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Food for Peace
3 Act is amended as follows:

4 (1) In section 402 (7 U.S.C. 1732)—

5 (A) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) by striking “produced in the
7 United States”; and

8 (ii) by striking the second sentence;
9 and

10 (B) in paragraph (3)—

11 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
12 (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and
13 (D), respectively; and

14 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
15 (A) the following new subparagraph:

16 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
17 of the Senate;”.

18 (2) In section 403(l)(1)(A) (7 U.S.C.
19 1733(l)(1)(A)), by striking “titles I and II” and in-
20 sert “title I”.

21 (3) In section 404(c)(1) (7 U.S.C. 1734(c)(1)),
22 by striking “eligible organizations” and all that fol-
23 lows through “under title II” and inserting “eligible
24 organizations may be made available under titles I
25 and III”.

1 (4) In section 406(a) (7 U.S.C. 1736(a)), by in-
2 serting “may make available funds and” before
3 “may acquire”.

4 (5) In section 407(c) (7 U.S.C. 1736a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
6 graph (B);

7 (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “for
8 fiscal years 2001 through 2012”; and

9 (C) in paragraph (5)—

10 (i) in the heading, by striking “NON-
11 EMERGENCY OR MULTIYEAR” and inserting
12 “MULTIYEAR”; and

13 (ii) by striking “for ongoing non-
14 emergency or”.

15 (6) In section 408 (7 U.S.C. 1736b), by strik-
16 ing “December 31, 2012” and inserting “September
17 30, 2018”.

18 (b) **RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amend-
19 ment made by paragraph (6) shall take effect as of De-
20 cember 31, 2012.

21 **SEC. 104. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 Except as otherwise provided in this title, the amend-
23 ments made by this title shall take effect on the date of
24 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to
25 the provision of assistance under title II of the Food for

1 Peace Act (as so amended) beginning on the date that is
2 180 days after such date of enactment.

3 **TITLE II—CARGO PREFERENCES**

4 **SEC. 201. CARGO PREFERENCES.**

5 (a) EXEMPTION.—Section 55313 of title 46, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “Sections 55304 and 55305 of
8 this title do not apply” and inserting the following:

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 55304 and 55305 of
10 this title do not apply”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(b) ADDITIONAL EXEMPTED ACTIVITIES.—In addi-
13 tion to the exemption under subsection (a) and notwith-
14 standing any other provision of law, sections 55304 and
15 55305 of this title do not apply to activities carried out
16 under title II of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721
17 et seq.).”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
19 55314(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended
20 by inserting “, except for activities carried out under title
21 II of that Act” before the semicolon.