

Public Law 96-599
96th Congress

An Act

To carry out the obligations of the United States under the International Coffee Agreement 1976, signed at New York on February 27, 1976, and entered into force for the United States on October 1, 1976, and for other purposes.

Dec. 24, 1980

[H.R. 3637]

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "International Coffee Agreement Act of 1980".

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Coffee
Agreement
Act of 1980.
19 USC 1356k
note.

IMPORTATION OF COFFEE UNDER INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT
1976; PRESIDENTIAL POWERS AND DUTIES

SEC. 2. On and after the entry into force of the International Coffee Agreement 1976, and for such period prior to October 1, 1982 as the agreement remains in effect, the President is authorized, in order to carry out and enforce the provisions of that agreement—

19 USC 1356k.

(1) to regulate the entry of coffee for consumption, or withdrawal of coffee from warehouse for consumption, or any other form of entry or withdrawal of coffee such as for transportation or exportation, including whenever quotas are in effect pursuant to the agreement, (A) the limitation of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, of coffee imported from countries which are not members of the International Coffee Organization, and (B) the prohibition of entry of any shipment from any member of the International Coffee Organization of coffee which is not accompanied either by a valid certificate of origin, a valid certificate of reexport, a valid certificate of reshipment, or a valid certificate of transit, issued by a qualified agency in such form as required under the agreement;

(2) to require that every export or reexport of coffee from the United States shall be accompanied by a valid certificate of origin or a valid certificate of reexport, issued by a qualified agency of the United States designated by him, in such form as required under the agreement;

(3) to require the keeping of such records, statistics, and other information, and the rendering of such reports, relating to the importation, distribution, prices, and consumption of coffee as he may from time to time prescribe; and

(4) to take such other action, and issue and enforce such rules and regulations, as he may consider necessary or appropriate in order to implement the obligations of the United States under the agreement.

DEFINITION OF COFFEE

SEC. 3. As used in this Act, the term "coffee" means coffee as defined in article 3 of the International Coffee Agreement 1976.

19 USC 1356L.

28 UST 6401.

DELEGATION OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS AND DUTIES; PROTECTION OF INTERESTS OF UNITED STATES CONSUMERS; REMEDIAL ACTION

19 USC 1356m.

Report to Congress. Recommendations, submittal to Congress.

SEC. 4. The President may exercise any powers and duties conferred on him by sections 2 through 5 of this Act through such agency or officer as he shall direct. The powers and duties conferred by sections 2 through 5 of this Act shall be exercised in the manner the President considers appropriate to protect the interest of United States consumers. In the event the President determines that there has been an unwarranted increase in the price of coffee due in whole or in part to the International Coffee Agreement, or to market manipulation by two or more members of the International Coffee Organization, the President shall request the International Coffee Council or the Executive Board to increase supplies of coffee available to world markets by suspending coffee export quotas and to take any other appropriate action. At the same time he shall report his determination to the Congress. In the event the International Coffee Council has failed to take corrective action to remedy the situation within a reasonable time after such request, the President shall submit to the Congress such recommendations as he may consider appropriate to correct the situation. In the event that members of the International Coffee Organization involved in market manipulation which has resulted in price increases have failed to remedy the situation within a reasonable time after a request for remedy, the exercise of the authority set forth in section 2 of this Act shall be suspended until the President determines that effective market manipulation activities have ceased.

REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

19 USC 1356n.
28 UST 6401.

SEC. 5. The President shall submit to the Congress an annual report on the International Coffee Agreement 1976. Such report shall contain full information on the operation of such agreement, including full information with respect to the general level of prices of coffee and matters pertaining to the transportation of coffee from exporting countries to the United States. The report shall also include a summary of the actions the United States and the International Coffee Organization have taken to protect the interest of United States consumers.

Approved December 24, 1980.

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