

SEC. 12. (a) The powers vested in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation pursuant to clause (a) of section 5d (3) of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended (15 U. S. C. 606b (3)), may be used to underwrite or guarantee markets for new type building materials and prefabricated houses, but only to the extent that the Housing Expediter finds this necessary to assure a sufficient supply for the veterans' emergency housing program: *Provided*, That the number of prefabricated houses covered by outstanding underwriting or guaranty (including such houses as may be held by the Housing Expediter) shall at no time during the program exceed two hundred thousand.

(b) The following standards shall be applied by the Housing Expediter to such underwriting or guaranty:

(1) To avoid impairment of established enterprises, new type materials and prefabricated houses shall be encouraged only to supplement such expanded production of conventional type materials and houses (with access to available materials) as can be achieved with sufficient rapidity and economy.

(2) There shall be reasonable prospect of either (A) full return to the Government of any funds involved in such underwriting or guaranty, or (B) net cost to the Government substantially lower than under any other available method of achieving the necessary expansion of production. Toward this end, the underwriting or guaranty of such materials or houses shall not be for more than 90 per centum of the producers' standard delivery price. The Housing Expediter shall maintain constant review of experience toward the objective that the total net costs to the Government shall in no event exceed 5 per centum of the total amount of underwriting or guaranty undertaken.

(3) There shall be clear evidence that the new type materials or prefabricated houses require underwriting or guaranty only temporarily until they attain general market acceptability.

(4) Emphasis shall be placed upon avoiding either economic dislocations or adverse effects upon established business.

(5) New type materials and prefabricated houses shall be tested for sound quality and (in the case of such houses) for durability, livability, and safety.

(6) Any underwriting or guaranty shall require adequate showing by the producer that he has sufficient working capital and experience, and that he can achieve the desired production on time under conditions satisfactory to the Housing Expediter.

SEC. 13. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Approved May 22, 1946.

[CHAPTER 269]

AN ACT

To continue in effect section 6 of the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 714), as amended, relating to the exportation of certain commodities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 714), as amended by the Act of June 30, 1942 (56 Stat. 463), the Act of July 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 671), and the Act of June 30, 1945 (59 Stat. 270), is hereby further amended by deleting from subsection (d) thereof the words "June 30, 1946" and substituting therefor the words "June 30, 1947".

Approved May 23, 1946.

Underwriting or guaranteeing of markets.
54 Stat. 961.
15 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 606b (3) (a).

Prefabricated houses.

Standards applicable to underwriting or guaranty.

Separability of provisions.

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Export control of certain commodities.

50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. § 701 (d).

[CHAPTER 270]

AN ACT

May 24, 1946
[S. 1415]
[Public Law 390]

To increase the rates of compensation of officers and employees of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

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

SHORT TITLE

Federal Employees
Pay Act of 1946.

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Federal Employees Pay Act of 1946".

INCREASE IN CLASSIFICATION ACT PAY RATES

42 Stat. 1491.
5 U. S. C. § 673;
Supp. V, § 673.
Infra, *post*, p. 219.

Basic compensation.

SEC. 2. (a) Each of the existing rates of basic compensation provided by section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended and supplemented, except those affected by subsection (b) of this section, is hereby increased by 14 per centum or \$250 per annum whichever is the greater, except that no such rate shall be increased by more than 25 per centum. Such augmented rates shall be considered to be the regular rates of basic compensation provided by such section.

56 Stat. 733.
5 U. S. C., Supp.
V, § 673.
Charwomen.

Clerical-mechanical
service.

(b) (1) The proviso to the fifth paragraph under the heading "Crafts, Protective, and Custodial Service" in section 13 of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That charwomen working part time be paid at the rate of 90 cents an hour, and head charwomen at the rate of 95 cents an hour".

(2) Such section is amended so as to provide the following rates of compensation for positions in the clerical-mechanical service:

Grade 1, 90 to 97 cents an hour.

Grade 2, \$1.04 to \$1.12 an hour.

Grade 3, \$1.20 to \$1.27 an hour.

Grade 4, \$1.35 to \$1.49 an hour.

55 Stat. 613.
5 U. S. C., Supp.
V, § 667 (b) (1).

(c) The increase in existing rates of basic compensation provided by this section shall not be construed to be an "equivalent increase" in compensation within the meaning of section 7 (b) (1) of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

INCREASE IN PAY RATES FOR CUSTOMS CLERKS AND IMMIGRANT INSPECTORS

45 Stat. 955.
19 U. S. C. §§ 6a-6d;
Supp. V, §§ 6a-6d
note.
45 Stat. 954.
3 U. S. C. § 109;
Supp. V, § 109.

SEC. 3. Each of the existing rates of basic compensation provided by the Act entitled "An Act to adjust the compensation of certain employees in the Customs Service", approved May 29, 1928, as amended and supplemented, and those provided by the second paragraph of section 24 of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended and supplemented, are hereby increased by 14 per centum or \$250 per annum whichever is the greater, except that no such rate shall be increased by more than 25 per centum. Such augmented rates shall be considered to be the regular rates of basic compensation.

INCREASE IN STATUTORY PAY RATES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH NOT UNDER CLASSIFICATION ACT

59 Stat. 302.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 942 (b).
59 Stat. 296.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 902.
Post, p. 218.
59 Stat. 488.
D. C. Code, Supp.
V, §§ 31-638 to 31-658.
Post, p. 717.

SEC. 4. Rates of basic compensation specifically provided by statute (including any increase therein computed in accordance with section 602 (b) of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945), for positions in the executive branch or the District of Columbia municipal government which are not included in section 102, as amended, of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945 or in the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, and are not increased by any other provision of this Act, are hereby increased by 14 per centum or \$250