Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000
Summary of Title IV - Plant Protection Act

SUMMARY of Title IV AS OF:
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Title IV: Plant Protection Act - Plant Protection Act

Subtitle A: Plant Protection - Prohibits a person from importing, exporting, or moving in interstate commerce an unauthorized plant pest. Authorizes: (1) the Secretary to permit such introduction or movement; and (2) private petitions to add or remove a plant pest from regulation.

Prohibits the unauthorized mailing, and knowing delivery by a mail carrier, of plant pests.

(Sec. 412) Authorizes the Secretary to restrict the importation, movement, and means of conveyance of plants, plant products, biological control organisms, plant pests, and noxious weeds in order to prevent their U.S. introduction and interstate movement. Requires the Secretary to conduct a study of the effectiveness of using systems approaches to achieve such results.

Authorizes: (1) the Secretary to publish lists of noxious weeds and biological control agents; and (2) private petitions to add or remove listings.

(Sec. 413) Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the Secretary of such plant articles' arrival, and hold them at the port of entry until inspected and authorized for U.S. movement by the Secretary. Prohibits a person from moving unauthorized and uninspected articles from a port of entry or interstate.

(Sec. 414) Authorizes: (1) the Secretary to take specified remedial and emergency measures either directly or by the owner, including treatment or disposal, to avoid dissemination of a plant pest or noxious weed; and (2) owner compensation for unauthorized disposals.

(Sec. 417) Directs the Secretary to carry out a rangeland protection grasshopper and Mormon Cricket control program, including: (1) cost sharing for State and private land; and (2) personnel training.

(Sec. 418) Authorizes the Secretary to make phytosanitary export certificates based upon foreign requirements.

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Title: To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes.