

SEC. __. TREATMENT OF LAND HELD IN COMMON UNDER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

Subtitle E of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1248. TREATMENT OF LAND HELD IN COMMON UNDER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

“(a) Definitions.—In this section:

“(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

“(2) RESERVATION.—The term ‘reservation’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1903).

“(3) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT-ALLOWED ENTITY.—The term ‘Tribal government-allowed entity’ means—

“(A) a chartered Tribal entity under section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 5124); and

“(B) a Tribal conservation district.

“(b) Land Held in Common.—The Secretary shall, after consultation with Indian Tribes, promulgate regulations to treat land held in common, including reservation land, that is controlled, farmed, or ranched by a group of individuals or any Tribal government-allowed entity, as eligible for—

“(1) each of the programs under this title; and

“(2) any other conservation program of the Department of Agriculture.

“(c) Tribal Government-allowed Entities.—The Secretary shall, after consultation with Indian Tribes, promulgate regulations to treat Tribal government-allowed entities as eligible for the programs described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) in accordance with the laws and policies of the applicable Indian Tribe.”.