

Agricultural Trade Development Assistance Act, 1954 as amended

Public Law 480, Title I



The Food for Peace Act (FPA) was formerly referred to as Public Law 480 or P.L. 480. FPA has three titles, and each title has a specific objective and provides assistance to countries at a particular level of economic development. Title I is administered by USDA, and Titles II and III are administered by [USAID](#).

FPA, Title I—Trade and Development Assistance, provides for government-to-government sales of U.S. agricultural commodities to developing countries on credit or grant terms. Agreements under the Title I credit program may provide for repayment terms of up to 30 years with a grace period of up to 5 years. The authority also allows for grant programs, which have outnumbered loans in recent years. Depending on the agreement, commodities provided under the program may be sold in the recipient country and the proceeds used to support agricultural, economic, or infrastructure development projects.

Since fiscal year 2006, new funding has not been requested because demand for food assistance using credit financing has fallen or grant programs have been a more appropriate tool.

FPA, Title II—Emergency and Private Assistance, provides for the donation of U.S. agricultural commodities to meet emergency and nonemergency food needs in other countries, including support for food security goals.

Agricultural commodities donated by the U.S. government to meet emergency needs are traditionally provided through the WFP or PVOs, though they may also be provided under government-to-government agreements. Nonemergency assistance may only be provided through PVOs, cooperatives, and intergovernmental organizations. Title II is administered by [USAID](#).

FPA, Title III—Food for Development, provides for government-to-government grants to support long-term growth in the least developed countries. Donated commodities are sold in the recipient country, and the revenue generated is used to support economic development programs. In recent years, this title has been inactive.

P.L. 480 Title I Resources

[P.L. 480: A Brief Explanation of Title I](#)

An explanation of commodity purchase and transportation policies

[Invitation for Bids \(IFB's\)](#)

No current invitations for bid.

[P.L. 480 Food Aid Program Press Releases](#)

[Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Update for U.S. Food Aid Partners](#) (April 2004)

Regulations

[P.L. 480: Title I, Financing Regulations](#)

Regulations Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities [SUMMARY](#) and [COMMENTS](#) *Published Oct. 10, 1997, in the Federal Register*

Amendment (final rule) regarding private entry participation in the PL 480, Title I program [SUMMARY](#) *Published Nov. 5, 1998 in the Federal Register*