

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
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May 23, 1950

MEMORANDUM For the consideration of the program for the continuation of the program for the determination of the real value of the contributions of the Bureau of Standards to the Nation's economy. The program is to be continued for a period of six months beginning July 1, 1950, on a reduced scale, pending further determination as to its value and means of financing. The program is to be transferred to the present Office of Domestic Commerce, or its successor in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, effective July 1, 1950. In the interim period pending such transfer the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will assume policy and program supervision over this Division although for organizational and administrative purposes it remains as a part of the Bureau of Standards. To finance the program in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce subsequent to July 1 the sum of \$75,000 will be transferred from the "Research and Testing" appropriation and \$10,000 from the "Operation and Administration" appropriation of the National Bureau of Standards to "Salaries and Expenses" of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The Director of the Bureau of Standards and the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will make arrangements to reduce the staff and adjust the program to the lower level prior to July 1 while it is still administratively in the former agency.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Standards Division of the Bureau of Standards has been given further consideration to the continuation and proposed transfer of the Commodity Standards Division of the National Bureau of Standards and have arrived at the following decisions which I believe represent the best interests of the Department at this time:

1. This particular program is to be continued for at least a period of six months beginning July 1, though on a reduced scale, pending further determination as to its value and means of financing.
2. The Division is to be transferred to the present Office of Domestic Commerce, or its successor in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, effective July 1, 1950.
3. In the interim period pending such transfer the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will assume policy and program supervision over this Division although for organizational and administrative purposes it remains as a part of the Bureau of Standards.
4. To finance the program in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce subsequent to July 1 the sum of \$75,000 will be transferred from the "Research and Testing" appropriation and \$10,000 from the "Operation and Administration" appropriation of the National Bureau of Standards to "Salaries and Expenses" of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
5. The Director of the Bureau of Standards and the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will make arrangements to reduce the staff and adjust the program to the lower level prior to July 1 while it is still administratively in the former agency.

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Provision for continuation of the program for at least six months will also be made to ascertain the real value of these services to business. It will also permit arrangements to be made for their continued financing through R.C.I.P. contributions from business organizations or other means if this proves desirable. On the other hand, should it prove advisable to discontinue the program as being of marginal benefit only, this time period will be sufficient to provide for its orderly liquidation.

I shall ask Mr. Glavin and the Office of Budget and Management to work with you in effectuating the above, and the Bureau of Standards Division of the National Bureau of Standards will be notified of the following conditions which must be met before the program can be continued or discontinued:

(Signed) Charles Sawyer

1. This particular program is to be continued for at least six months beginning July 1, 1941, pending further information as to the value and costs of financing.
2. The program is to be transferred to the Bureau of Domestic Commerce, at the discretion of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, effective July 1, 1941.
3. In the interim period pending such transfer the Bureau of Domestic Commerce will assume policy and program supervision over this Division through its organizational and financial resources, subject to its status as a part of the Bureau of Standards.
4. In financing the program in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce hereafter, only the amount of \$10,000 will be transferred from the "Research and Testing" appropriation and \$10,000 from the "Operation and Administration" appropriation of the National Bureau of Standards to "Salaries and Expenses" of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
5. The Director of the Bureau of Standards and the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will make arrangements to retain the staff and adjust the program in the interim period prior to July 1, 1941, to be carried out in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Secretary Blaisdell
Dr. Edward U. Condon
H. B. McCoy

From: The Secretary

Subject: Commodity Standards Division

I have given further consideration to the continuation and proposed transfer of the Commodity Standards Division of the National Bureau of Standards and have arrived at the following decisions which I believe represent the best interests of the Department at this time:

1. This particular program is to be continued for at least a period of six months beginning July 1, though on a reduced scale, pending further determination as to its value and means of financing.
2. The Division is to be transferred to the present Office of Domestic Commerce, or its successor in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, effective July 1, 1950.
3. In the interim period pending such transfer the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will assume policy and program supervision over this Division although for organizational and administrative purposes it remains as a part of the Bureau of Standards.
4. To finance the program in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce subsequent to July 1 the sums of \$75,000 will be transferred from the "Research and Testing" appropriation and \$10,000 from the "Operation and Administration" appropriation of the National Bureau of Standards to "Salaries and Expenses" of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
5. The Director of the Bureau of Standards and the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will

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make arrangements to reduce the staff and adjust the program to the lower level prior to July 1 while it is still administratively in the former agency. Secretary Glavin

To:

Mr. Edward W. Gordon

Provision for continuation of the program for at least six months will give opportunity to ascertain the real value of these services to business. It will also permit arrangements to be made for their continued financing through ECA, contributions from business associations, or other means if this proves desirable. On the other hand, should it prove advisable to dispense with the program as being of marginal benefit only, this time period will be sufficient to provide for its orderly liquidation. Provision for the continuation and proposed transfer of the Community Standards Division of the National Bureau of Standards to the Office of Domestic Commerce. I shall ask Mr. Glavin and the Office of Budget and Management to work with you in effectuating the above.

1. This particular program (Signed) Charles Sawyer
Leave a portion of six months beginning July 1, 1950, on a reduced scale, pending further determination as to its value and needs of financing.
Charles Sawyer
2. The Division is to be transferred to the present Office of Domestic Commerce, or its successor in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, effective July 1, 1950.
3. In the interim period pending such transfer the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will assume policy and program supervision over this Division although for organizational and administrative purposes it remains as a part of the Bureau of Standards.
4. To finance the program in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce subsequent to July 1 the sums of \$75,000 will be transferred from the "Research and Testing" appropriation and \$10,000 from the "Operation and Administration" appropriation of the National Bureau of Standards to "Salaries and Expenses" of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
5. The Director of the Bureau of Standards and the Director of the Office of Domestic Commerce will