

tion for use by the Archivist of the United States, including use by the Presidential Library established for the President during whose term the documents were issued, which shall be chargeable to Congress three copies each of the following publications:

House documents and public reports, bound;  
Senate documents and public reports, bound;  
Senate and House journals, bound;  
United States Code and Supplements, bound;  
United States Statutes at Large, bound;  
the United States Reports, bound;

all other documents bearing a congressional number, or printed upon order of a committee in either House of Congress, or of a department, independent agency or establishment, commission, or officer of the Government, except confidential matter, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public character; and public bills and resolutions in Congress in each parliamentary stage.

The Superintendent of Documents shall furnish, without cost, copies of publications available for free distribution.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, §107(b)(6), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2287.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §215a (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §—, as added June 17, 1935, ch. 267, 49 Stat. 386, and amended June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §104(a), 63 Stat. 381; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-678, 80 Stat. 956.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-497 substituted “National Archives and Records Administration” for “General Services Administration” in section catchline and text.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-497 effective Apr. 1, 1985, see section 301 of Pub. L. 98-497, set out as a note under section 2102 of this title.

### § 1715. Publications for department or officer or for congressional committees

When printing not bearing a congressional number, except confidential matter, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public character, is done for a department or officer of the Government, or not of a confidential character, is done for use of congressional committees, two copies shall be sent, unless withheld by order of the committee, by the Public Printer to the Senate and House of Representatives libraries, respectively, and one copy each to the document rooms of the Senate and House of Representatives, for reference; and these copies may not be removed.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §217 (part) (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §58, 28 Stat. 610; Mar. 1, 1907, ch. 2284, §4, 34 Stat. 1014).

The last clause of this section is eliminated, as superseded by former section 85, now found in section 1903 of the revision.

### § 1716. Public documents for legations and consulates of United States

Only books published by the Government, and usually known by the name of “Public Docu-

ments,” may be supplied to a legation or consulate of the United States as are first designated by the Secretary of State, by an order to be recorded in the State Department, as suitable for and required by the legation and consulate.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §91a (R.S. §504).

### § 1717. Documents and reports for foreign legations

Documents and reports may be furnished to foreign legations to the United States upon request stating those desired and requisition upon the Public Printer by the Secretary of State. Gratuitous distribution may only be made to legations whose Governments furnish to legations from the United States copies of their printed and legislative documents desired.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §91 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §75, 28 Stat. 620).

### § 1718. Distribution of Government publications to the Library of Congress

There shall be printed and furnished to the Library of Congress for official use in the District of Columbia not to exceed twenty-five copies of:

House documents and reports, bound;  
Senate documents and reports, bound;  
Senate and House journals, bound;  
public bills and resolutions;  
the United States Code and supplements, bound; and

all other publications and maps which are printed, or otherwise reproduced, under authority of law, upon the requisition of a Congressional committee, executive department, bureau, independent office, establishment, commission, or officer of the Government.

Confidential matter, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public character shall be excepted.

In addition, there shall be delivered as printed to the Library of Congress:

ten copies of each House document and report, unbound;  
ten copies of each Senate document and report, unbound; and  
ten copies of each private bill and resolution and fifty copies of the laws in slip form.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 97-276, §101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §139 (Jan. 28, 1899, No. 12, 30 Stat. 1388; Mar. 2, 1901, No. 16, §§1, 2, 31 Stat. 1464; June 20, 1936, ch. 630, title IV, §6, 49 Stat. 1550).

Reference to the Official Register is omitted as obsolete. The authorization for its compilation was repealed by Public Law 88-626.

#### CODIFICATION

The 1982 amendment by Pub. L. 97-276 is based on section 305(a) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

## AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-276 substituted “not to exceed twenty-five copies of” for “, and for international exchange as provided by section 1719 of this title, not to exceed one hundred and fifty copies of”.

**§ 1719. International exchange of Government publications**

For the purpose of more fully carrying into effect the convention concluded at Brussels on March 15, 1886, and proclaimed by the President of the United States on January 15, 1889, there shall be supplied to the Superintendent of Documents not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five copies each of all Government publications, including the daily and bound copies of the Congressional Record, for distribution to those foreign governments which agree, as indicated by the Library of Congress, to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress. Confidential matter, blank forms, circular letters not of a public character, publications determined by their issuing department, office, or establishment to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value, and publications classified for reasons of national security shall be exempted from this requirement. The printing, binding, and distribution costs of any publications distributed in accordance with this section shall be charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 97-276, § 101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189; Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(j), Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-287, and Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(j), Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-287, as amended Pub. L. 100-71, title I, July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 425.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 139a (Mar. 2, 1901, No. 16, § 3, 31 Stat. 1465; Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 421, § 7, 43 Stat. 1106; June 20, 1936, ch. 630, title IV, § 6, 49 Stat. 1550).

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

There were two conventions concluded at Brussels on Mar. 15, 1886, and proclaimed by the President on Jan. 15, 1889: one was a convention “for the international exchange of official documents, scientific, and literary publications”; the other was “for the immediate exchange of the official journals, parliamentary annals, and documents.”

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-591 is a corrected version of Pub. L. 99-500. The 1986 amendment is based on section 306 of title III of H.R. 5203 (see House Report 99-805 as filed in the House on Aug. 15, 1986), and incorporated by reference in section 101(j) of Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, to be effective as if enacted into law.

The 1982 amendment by Pub. L. 97-276 is based on section 305(b) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

## AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, amended last sentence generally, substituting “charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose” for “chargeable to

the department, office, or establishment issuing the publication”. See Codification note above.

1982—Pub. L. 97-276 substituted “Superintendent of Documents” for first reference to “Library of Congress” and “for distribution to those foreign governments which agree, as indicated by the Library of Congress, to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress” for “for distribution, through the Smithsonian Institution, to foreign governments which agree to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress”, and inserted “Confidential matter, blank forms, circular letters not of a public character, publications determined by their issuing department, office, or establishment to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value, and publications classified for reasons of national security shall be exempted from this requirement. The printing, binding, and distribution costs of any publication distributed in accordance with this section shall be chargeable to the department, office, or establishment issuing the publication.”

**§ 1720. Documents not needed by departments to be turned over to Superintendent of Documents**

Public documents accumulating in the several executive departments, bureaus, and offices, not needed for official use, shall be turned over to the Superintendent of Documents annually for distribution or sale.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 78 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 67, 28 Stat. 611).

**§ 1721. Exchange of documents by heads of departments**

Heads of departments may exchange surplus documents for other documents and books required by them, when it is to the advantage of the public service.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 93 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 95, 28 Stat. 623).

**§ 1722. Departmental distribution of publications**

Government publications printed for or received by the executive departments, whether for official use or for distribution, except those required by section 1701 of this title to be distributed by the Public Printer, shall be distributed by a competent person detailed to this duty in each department by the head of the department. He shall prevent duplication and make detailed report to the head of the department.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 96 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 92, 28 Stat. 623; May 29, 1928, ch. 901, § 1(2), 45 Stat. 986).

**CHAPTER 19—DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM**

Sec.

1901. Definition of Government publication.