

chapter without regard to the amount in controversy. Any such action may be brought in the district wherein the defendant is found or is an inhabitant or transacts business, or in the district where the sale took place, and process in such cases may be served in other districts of which the defendant is an inhabitant or wherever the defendant may be found. No case arising under this chapter and brought in any State court of competent jurisdiction shall be removed to any court of the United States, except where any officer or employee of the United States in his official capacity is a party.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §613, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1679.)

**§ 3613. Limitation of actions**

No action shall be maintained to enforce any right or liability created by this chapter unless brought within six years after such cause of action accrued, except that an action pursuant to section 3608 of this title must be brought within four years after October 8, 1980.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §614, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

**§ 3614. Waiver of rights as void**

Any condition, stipulation, or provision binding any person to waive compliance with any provisions of this chapter shall be void.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §615, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

**§ 3615. Nonexclusion of other statutory rights and remedies**

The rights and remedies provided by this chapter shall be in addition to any and all other rights and remedies that may exist under Federal or State law.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §616, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

**§ 3616. Separability**

If any provisions of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 96-399, title VI, §617, Oct. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1680.)

**CHAPTER 63—TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION**

- Sec.
- 3701. Findings.
- 3702. Purpose.
- 3703. Definitions.
- 3704. Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology.
- 3704a. Clearinghouse for State and Local Initiatives on Productivity, Technology, and Innovation.
- 3704b. National Technical Information Service.
- 3704b-1. Recovery of operating costs through fee collections.
- 3704b-2. Transfer of Federal scientific and technical information.
- 3705. Cooperative Research Centers.
- 3706. Grants and cooperative agreements.
- 3707. National Science Foundation Cooperative Research Centers.

- Sec.
- 3708. Administrative arrangements.
- 3709. Repealed.
- 3710. Utilization of Federal technology.
- 3710a. Cooperative research and development agreements.
- 3710b. Rewards for scientific, engineering, and technical personnel of Federal agencies.
- 3710c. Distribution of royalties received by Federal agencies.
- 3710d. Employee activities.
- 3711. National Technology and Innovation Medal.
- 3711a. Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.
- 3711b. Conference on advanced automotive technologies.
- 3711c. Advanced motor vehicle research award.
- 3712. Personnel exchanges.
- 3713. Authorization of appropriations.
- 3714. Spending authority.
- 3715. Use of partnership intermediaries.
- 3716. Critical industries.
- 3717. National Quality Council.
- 3718. President's Council on Innovation and Competitiveness.
- 3719. Prize competitions.
- 3720. Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
- 3721. Federal loan guarantees for innovative technologies in manufacturing.
- 3722. Regional innovation program.

**§ 3701. Findings**

The Congress finds and declares that:

(1) Technology and industrial innovation are central to the economic, environmental, and social well-being of citizens of the United States.

(2) Technology and industrial innovation offer an improved standard of living, increased public and private sector productivity, creation of new industries and employment opportunities, improved public services and enhanced competitiveness of United States products in world markets.

(3) Many new discoveries and advances in science occur in universities and Federal laboratories, while the application of this new knowledge to commercial and useful public purposes depends largely upon actions by business and labor. Cooperation among academia, Federal laboratories, labor, and industry, in such forms as technology transfer, personnel exchange, joint research projects, and others, should be renewed, expanded, and strengthened.

(4) Small businesses have performed an important role in advancing industrial and technological innovation.

(5) Industrial and technological innovation in the United States may be lagging when compared to historical patterns and other industrialized nations.

(6) Increased industrial and technological innovation would reduce trade deficits, stabilize the dollar, increase productivity gains, increase employment, and stabilize prices.

(7) Government antitrust, economic, trade, patent, procurement, regulatory, research and development, and tax policies have significant impacts upon industrial innovation and development of technology, but there is insufficient knowledge of their effects in particular sectors of the economy.

(8) No comprehensive national policy exists to enhance technological innovation for com-