

31, 1986, see section 1501(e) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 6721 of this title.

CONSTRUCTION OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Nothing in amendment by Pub. L. 107-210, other than provisions relating to COBRA continuation coverage and reporting requirements, to be construed as creating new mandate on any party regarding health insurance coverage, see section 203(f) of Pub. L. 107-210, set out as a note under section 2918 of Title 29, Labor.

PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL  
JANUARY 1, 1998

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle D [§§1401-1465] of title I of Pub. L. 104-188 require an amendment to any plan or annuity contract, such amendment shall not be required to be made before the first day of the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1998, see section 1465 of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

**§ 6725. Failure to report information under section 4101**

**(a) In general**

In the case of each failure described in subsection (b) by any person with respect to a vessel or facility, such person shall pay a penalty of \$10,000 in addition to the tax (if any).

**(b) Failures subject to penalty**

For purposes of subsection (a), the failures described in this subsection are—

- (1) any failure to make a report under section 4101(d) on or before the date prescribed therefor, and
- (2) any failure to include all of the information required to be shown on such report or the inclusion of incorrect information.

**(c) Reasonable cause exception**

No penalty shall be imposed under this section with respect to any failure if it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause.

(Added Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §863(d)(1), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1620.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to penalties imposed after Dec. 31, 2004, see section 863(e) of Pub. L. 108-357, set out as a note under section 6719 of this title.

**Subchapter C—Procedural Requirements**

Sec. 6751.	Procedural requirements.
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**§ 6751. Procedural requirements**

**(a) Computation of penalty included in notice**

The Secretary shall include with each notice of penalty under this title information with respect to the name of the penalty, the section of this title under which the penalty is imposed, and a computation of the penalty.

**(b) Approval of assessment**

**(1) In general**

No penalty under this title shall be assessed unless the initial determination of such assessment is personally approved (in writing) by the immediate supervisor of the individual making such determination or such higher level official as the Secretary may designate.

**(2) Exceptions**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

- (A) any addition to tax under section 6651, 6654, or 6655; or
- (B) any other penalty automatically calculated through electronic means.

**(c) Penalties**

For purposes of this section, the term “penalty” includes any addition to tax or any additional amount.

(Added Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3306(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 744.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3306(c), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 744, as amended by Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(7) [title III, §302(b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-632, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this subchapter] shall apply to notices issued, and penalties assessed, after June 30, 2001. In the case of any notice of penalty issued after June 30, 2001, and before July 1, 2003, the requirements of section 6751(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be treated as met if such notice contains a telephone number at which the taxpayer can request a copy of the taxpayer’s assessment and payment history with respect to such penalty.”

**CHAPTER 69—GENERAL PROVISIONS  
RELATING TO STAMPS**

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**§ 6801. Authority for establishment, alteration, and distribution**

**(a) Establishment and alteration**

The Secretary may establish, and from time to time alter, renew, replace, or change the form, style, character, material, and device of any stamp, mark, or label under any provision of the laws relating to internal revenue.

**(b) Preparation and distribution of regulations, forms, stamps and dies**

The Secretary shall prepare and distribute all the instructions, regulations, directions, forms, blanks, and stamps; and shall provide proper and sufficient adhesive stamps and other stamps or dies for expressing and denoting the several stamp taxes.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 829; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 94-569, §2, Oct. 20, 1976, 90 Stat. 2699; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IV, §454(c)(13), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 822.)

AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-369 struck out “, except that stamps required by or prescribed pursuant to the provisions of section 5205 or section 5235 may be prepared and distributed by persons authorized by the Secretary, under such controls for the protection of the

<sup>1</sup>Section catchline amended by Pub. L. 90-618 without corresponding amendment of analysis.

revenue as shall be deemed necessary" before the period at end.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 and Pub. L. 94-569 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" and provided that stamps required by or prescribed pursuant to the provisions of section 5205 or section 5235 may be prepared and distributed by persons authorized by the Secretary, under such controls for the protection of the revenue as shall be deemed necessary.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 effective July 1, 1985, see section 456(b) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5101 of this title.

### § 6802. Supply and distribution

The Secretary shall furnish, without prepayment, to—

#### (1) Postmaster General

The Postmaster General a suitable quantity of adhesive stamps, coupons, tickets, or such other devices as may be prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to section 6302(b) or this chapter, to be distributed to, and kept on sale by, the various postmasters in the United States in all post offices of the first and second classes, and such post offices of the third and fourth classes as—

(A) are located in county seats, or

(B) are certified by the Secretary to the Postmaster General as necessary;

#### (2) Designated depository of the United States

Any designated depository of the United States a suitable quantity of adhesive stamps to be kept on sale by such designated depository.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 829; Pub. L. 89-44, title VI, §601(d), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 154; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(a)(36), (b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1829, 1834.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" wherever appearing and substituted in par. (2) "designated depository." for "designated depository;"

1965—Par. (1). Pub. L. 89-44, §601(d)(1), struck out "(other than the stamps on playing cards)" after "quantity of adhesive stamps".

Par. (3). Pub. L. 89-44, §601(d)(2), struck out par. (3) which related to supply and distribution of stamps to State agents.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-44 to take effect in a manner consistent with effective date of change of tax provision to which related, see section 701(e) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out as a note under section 6103 of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Office of Postmaster General of Post Office Department abolished and all functions, powers, and duties of Postmaster General transferred to United States Postal Service by Pub. L. 91-375, §4(a), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773, set out as a note under section 201 of Title 39, Postal Service.

### § 6803. Accounting and safeguarding

#### (a) Bond

In cases coming within the provisions of paragraph (2) of section 6802, the Secretary may re-

quire a bond, with sufficient sureties, in a sum to be fixed by the Secretary, conditioned for the faithful return, whenever so required, of all quantities or amounts undisposed of and for the payment monthly for all quantities or amounts sold or not remaining on hand.

#### (b) Regulations

The Secretary may from time to time make such regulations as he may find necessary to insure the safekeeping or prevent the illegal use of all adhesive stamps referred to in paragraph (2) of section 6802.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 830; Pub. L. 92-310, title II, §230(a), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 209; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(a)(37), (b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1829, 1834.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 redesignated subsec. (b)(1) as (a), substituted "paragraph (2)" for "paragraph (2) or (3)", and struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 redesignated par. (2) as entire subsection, struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" and substituted "paragraph (2)" for "paragraphs (2) and (3)". Par. (1) redesignated subsec. (a).

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-310 repealed subsec. (a) which related to bonds, deposits of receipts, and accounts of postmasters, and which required the Postmaster General to transfer all receipts to the Treasury.

### § 6804. Attachment and cancellation

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this title, the stamps referred to in section 6801 shall be attached, protected, removed, canceled, obliterated, and destroyed, in such manner and by such instruments or other means as the Secretary may prescribe by rules or regulations.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 830; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary".

### § 6805. Redemption of stamps

#### (a) Authorization

The Secretary, subject to regulations prescribed by him, may, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the facts, make allowance for or redeem such of the stamps, issued under authority of any internal revenue law, as may have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intended, or for which the owner may have no use.

#### (b) Method and conditions of allowance

Such allowance or redemption may be made, either by giving other stamps in lieu of the stamps so allowed for or redeemed, or by refunding the amount or value to the owner thereof, deducting therefrom, in case of repayment, the percentage, if any, allowed to the purchaser thereof; but no allowance or redemption shall be made in any case until the stamps so spoiled or rendered useless shall have been returned to the Secretary, or until satisfactory proof has been made showing the reason why the same cannot be returned; or, if so required by the Secretary,