

**§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; crediting of receipts; resale by dealers; sales agents**

The price at which additional copies of Government publications are offered for sale to the public by the Superintendent of Documents shall be based on the cost as determined by the Public Printer plus 50 percent. A discount may be allowed as determined by the Superintendent of Documents, but the printing may not interfere with prompt execution of work for the Government.

The Superintendent of Documents may prescribe terms and conditions under which he authorizes the resale of Government publications by book dealers, and he may designate any Government officer his agent for the sale of Government publications under regulations agreed upon by the Superintendent of Documents and the head of the respective department or establishment of the Government.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280; Pub. L. 95-94, title IV, §409(a), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 683; Pub. L. 103-69, title II, §207(b), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 708; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §1301, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3191.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §72a (June 30, 1932, ch. 314, §307, 47 Stat. 409).

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-447, in first par., substituted “may be allowed as determined by the Superintendent of Documents” for “of not to exceed 25 percent may be allowed to book dealers and quantity purchasers”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-69, in first par., struck out at end “Receipts from general sales of publications in excess of the total costs and expenses incurred in connection with the publication and sale thereof, as determined by the Public Printer, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.”

1977—Pub. L. 95-94 substituted “Receipts from general sales of publications in excess of the total costs and expenses incurred in connection with the publication and sale thereof, as determined by the Public Printer,” for “Surplus receipts from sales”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-69 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 207(c) of Pub. L. 103-69, set out as a note under section 309 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-94, title IV, §409(b), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 683, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1977.”

**§ 1709. Blank forms: printing and sale to public**

The Public Printer may print for sale by the Superintendent of Documents to the public, upon prepayment, additional copies of approved Government blank forms.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §94 (June 7, 1924, ch. 303, §1, 43 Stat. 592).

**§ 1710. Index of documents: number and distribution**

The Superintendent of Documents, at the close of each regular session of Congress, shall prepare and publish a comprehensive index of public documents, upon a plan approved by the Joint Committee on Printing. The Public Printer shall, immediately upon its publication, deliver to him a copy of every document printed by the Government Printing Office. The head of each executive department, independent agency and establishment of the Government shall deliver to him a copy of every document issued or published by the department, bureau, or office not confidential in character. He shall also prepare and print in one volume a consolidated index of Congressional documents, and shall index single volumes of documents as the Joint Committee on Printing directs. Two thousand copies each of the comprehensive index and of the consolidated index shall be printed and bound in addition to the usual number, two hundred for the Senate, eight hundred for the House of Representatives and one thousand for distribution by the Superintendent of Documents.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §76 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §62, 28 Stat. 610).

**§ 1711. Catalog of Government publications**

On the first day of each month the Superintendent of Documents shall prepare a catalog of Government publications which shall show the documents printed during the preceding month, where obtainable, and the price. Two thousand copies of the catalog shall be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §77 (Jan. 12 1895, ch. 23, §69, 28 Stat. 612).

**§ 1712. Documents for use of the Public Printer**

The Public Printer may retain out of all documents, bills, and resolutions printed the number of copies absolutely needful for the official use of the Government Printing Office, not exceeding five of each.

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

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §81 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §73, 28 Stat. 618).

**§ 1713. Documents to be delivered to the Executive Mansion**

The Public Printer shall deliver to the Executive Mansion two copies of each document, bill, and resolution as soon as printed and ready for distribution.

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

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §80 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §88, 28 Stat. 622).

**§ 1714. Publications for use of National Archives and Records Administration**

The Public Printer shall print and deliver to the National Archives and Records Administration 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 Documents,” 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.

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