

VI (now subtitle VII) of this title, amended section 1802 of the former Appendix to this title, sections 661 and 724 of Title 14, Coast Guard, section 1431a of Title 19, Customs Duties, sections 1226, 1501 to 1504, 1507, and 1520 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, and sections 192 and 195 of Title 50, War and National Defense, enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 70101, 70103, 70104, 70111, 70114, and 70116 of this title and sections 1226 and 1504 of Title 33, amended provisions set out as a note under section 2071 of Title 19, and repealed provisions set out as a note under section 2071 of Title 19. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70501	46 App.:1902.	Pub. L. 96-350, §2, Sept. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 99-307, §7, May 19, 1986, 100 Stat. 447; Pub. L. 99-570, title III, §3202, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3207-95; Pub. L. 99-640, §17, Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3552.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3525(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-241, §901(q). See 2006 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181, §3525(a)(5), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-241, §901(q), into this section by substituting “The Secretary shall submit an annual report” for “Not later than February 28 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report”. See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-241, §901(q), which directed the amendment of section 1802 of the former Appendix to this title from which subsec. (a) of this section was derived, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, §3525(b). See 2008 Amendment note for subsec. (a) and Historical and Revision notes above.

CHAPTER 705—MARITIME DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT

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2008—Pub. L. 110-407, title II, §202(b)(1), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4300, added item 70508.

§ 70501. Findings and declarations

Congress finds and declares that (1) trafficking in controlled substances aboard vessels is a serious international problem, is universally condemned, and presents a specific threat to the security and societal well-being of the United States and (2) operating or embarking in a submersible vessel or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage is a serious international problem, facilitates transnational crime, including drug trafficking, and terrorism, and presents a specific threat to the safety of maritime navigation and the security of the United States.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1685; Pub. L. 110-407, title II, §201, Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4299.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-407 inserted cl. (1) designation after “declares that”, substituted “States and” for “States.”, and added cl. (2).

§ 70502. Definitions

(a) APPLICATION OF OTHER DEFINITIONS.—The definitions in section 102 of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 802) apply to this chapter.

(b) VESSEL OF THE UNITED STATES.—In this chapter, the term “vessel of the United States” means—

(1) a vessel documented under chapter 121 of this title or numbered as provided in chapter 123 of this title;

(2) a vessel owned in any part by an individual who is a citizen of the United States, the United States Government, the government of a State or political subdivision of a State, or a corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or of a State, unless—

(A) the vessel has been granted the nationality of a foreign nation under article 5 of the 1958 Convention on the High Seas; and

(B) a claim of nationality or registry for the vessel is made by the master or individual in charge at the time of the enforcement action by an officer or employee of the United States who is authorized to enforce applicable provisions of United States law; and

(3) a vessel that was once documented under the laws of the United States and, in violation of the laws of the United States, was sold to a person not a citizen of the United States, placed under foreign registry, or operated under the authority of a foreign nation, whether or not the vessel has been granted the nationality of a foreign nation.

(c) VESSEL SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In this chapter, the term “vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States” includes—

(A) a vessel without nationality;

(B) a vessel assimilated to a vessel without nationality under paragraph (2) of article 6 of the 1958 Convention on the High Seas;

(C) a vessel registered in a foreign nation if that nation has consented or waived objection to the enforcement of United States law by the United States;

(D) a vessel in the customs waters of the United States;

(E) a vessel in the territorial waters of a foreign nation if the nation consents to the enforcement of United States law by the United States; and

(F) a vessel in the contiguous zone of the United States, as defined in Presidential