

title 31, except that the use of a cooperative agreement by the Secretary concerned is limited to nonprofit entities.

(Added Pub. L. 112-239, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2852(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2161.)

CHAPTER 157—TRANSPORTATION

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AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, § 621(g)(2), title X, § 1073(c), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 784, 870, struck out item 2634 “Motor vehicles: transportation or storage for members on change of permanent station or extended deployment”, added item 2642, and struck out former item 2642 “Airlift services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate”.

¹ So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, § 622(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1781, substituted in item 2641b “Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: program authorized and eligible recipients.” for “Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: retired members residing in Commonwealths and possessions of the United States for certain health care services.”

2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title III, § 352(f), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4194, added items 2648 and 2649 and struck out former items 2648 “Persons and supplies: sea transportation” and 2649 “Civilian passengers and commercial cargoes: transportation on Department of Defense vessels”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 374(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 83, added item 2641b.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, § 1072(d)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2058, added items 2648 to 2651.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, § 634(b), title X, § 1006(b)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1510, 1585, added item 2636a and amended item 2642 generally, substituting “Airlift services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate” for “Reimbursement rate for airlift services provided to Central Intelligence Agency”.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, § 574(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1122, added item 2647.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [(div. A)], title X, § 1009(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-251, substituted “Deductions from amounts due carriers” for “Deductions from carriers because of loss or damage to material in transit” in item 2636.

1998—Pub. L. 105-262, title VIII, § 8121(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2332, added item 2641a.

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VIII, § 813(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2087, added item 2646.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title III, § 368(a)(2)(B), title IX, § 906(d)(1), title X, § 1079(b)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2498, 2620, 2670, substituted “Motor vehicles: transportation or storage for members on change of permanent station or extended deployment” for “Motor vehicles: for members on change of permanent station” in item 2634 and added items 2644 and 2645.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, § 334(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 262, added item 2643.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, § 1173(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1767, added item 2631a.

1991—Pub. L. 102-88, title V, § 501(b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 435, added item 2642.

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title III, § 326(a)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1531, added item 2637.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XII, § 1250(a)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1168, added item 2641.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XII, § 1204(a)(2), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3971, added item 2640.

Pub. L. 99-550, § 2(a)(2), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3070, struck out item 2637 “Transportation between residence and place of work for senior defense officials”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, § 614(b), title XIV, § 1401(j)(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2540, 2620, added items 2637 to 2639.

1982—Pub. L. 97-258, § 2(b)(5)(A), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1053, added item 2636.

1979—Pub. L. 96-125, title VIII, § 807(c)(2), Nov. 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 950, inserted “and on military installations” after “places of employment” in item 2632.

1973—Pub. L. 93-155, title VIII, § 814(b), Nov. 16, 1973, 87 Stat. 621, added item 2635.

1965—Pub. L. 89-101, § 1(2), July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 425, substituted “change of permanent station” for “permanent change of station” in item 2634.

1962—Pub. L. 87-651, title I, § 111(c), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 511, substituted “Stevedoring and terminal services: vessels carrying cargo or passengers sponsored by military department” for “Terminal Services, furnish to commercial steamship companies” in item 2633, and added item 2634.

1957—Pub. L. 85-44, § 2, June 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 45, added item 2633.

§ 2631. Supplies: preference to United States vessels

(a) Only vessels of the United States or belonging to the United States may be used in the transportation by sea of supplies bought for the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. However, if the President finds that the freight charged by those vessels is excessive or otherwise unreasonable, contracts for transportation may be made as otherwise provided by law. Charges made for the transportation of those supplies by those vessels may not be higher than the charges made for transporting like goods for private persons.

(b)(1) In each request for proposals to enter into a time-charter contract for the use of a vessel for the transportation of supplies under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall require that any reflagging or repair work on a vessel for which a proposal is submitted in response to the request for proposals be performed in the United States (including any territory of the United States).

(2) In paragraph (1), the term “reflagging or repair work” means work performed on a vessel—

(A) to enable the vessel to meet applicable standards to become a vessel of the United States; or

(B) to convert the vessel to a more useful military configuration.

(3) The Secretary of Defense may waive the requirement described in paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that such waiver is critical to the national security of the United States. The Secretary shall immediately notify the Congress of any such waiver and the reasons for such waiver.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 146; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §315(a), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1619.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2631	10:1365. 34:528.	Apr. 28, 1904, ch. 1766, 33 Stat. 518.

The word “supplies” is substituted for the words “coal, provisions, fodder, or supplies of any description”, in 10:1365 and 34:528. The words “pursuant to law” and “the use of”, in 10:1365 and 34:528, are omitted as surplusage. The words “as otherwise provided by law”, in 10:1365 and 34:528, are used rather than the words “under the law as it now exists”, in section 1 of the Act of April 28, 1904, ch. 1766, 33 Stat. 518. The word “may” is substituted for the word “shall”. The words “However, if” are substituted for the words “unless * * * in which case”. The words “private persons” are substituted for the words “private parties or companies”, in 10:1365 and 34:528. The last sentence is substituted for the proviso of 10:1365 and 34:528.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-160 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §315(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1619, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to a vessel for which reflagging or repair work is necessary

to be performed after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 30, 1993].”

OBTAINING CARRIAGE BY VESSEL: CRITERION REGARDING OVERHAUL, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF VESSELS IN THE UNITED STATES

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1017, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2379, as amended by Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title X, §1063(c)(9), div. C, title XXXV, §3526(a), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 323, 601, provided that:

“(a) ACQUISITION POLICY.—In order to maintain the national defense industrial base, the Secretary of Defense shall issue an acquisition policy that establishes, as a criterion required to be considered in obtaining carriage by vessel of cargo for the Department of Defense, the extent to which an offeror of such carriage had overhaul, repair, and maintenance work for covered vessels of the offeror performed in shipyards located in the United States.

“(b) COVERED VESSELS.—A vessel is a covered vessel of an offeror under this section if the vessel is—

“(1) owned, operated, or controlled by the offeror; and

“(2) qualified to engage in the carriage of cargo in the coastwise or non-contiguous trade under sections 12112 and 50501 and chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code.

“(c) APPLICATION OF POLICY.—The acquisition policy shall include rules providing for application of the policy to covered vessels as expeditiously as is practicable based on the nature of carriage obtained, and by no later than June 1, 2007.

“(d) REGULATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations as necessary to carry out the acquisition policy and submit such regulations to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, by not later than June 1, 2007.

“(2) INTERIM REGULATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may prescribe interim regulations as necessary to carry out the acquisition policy. For this purpose, the Secretary is excepted from compliance with the notice and comment requirements of section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

“(B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Upon the issuance of interim regulations under this paragraph, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives the interim regulations and a description of the acquisition policy developed (or being developed) under subsection (a).

“(C) EXPIRATION.—All interim regulations prescribed under the authority of this paragraph that are not earlier superseded by final regulations shall expire no later than June 1, 2007.

“(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary, acting through the United States Transportation Command, shall annually submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report regarding overhaul, repair, and maintenance performed on covered vessels of each offeror of carriage to which the acquisition policy applies.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) FOREIGN SHIPYARD.—The term ‘foreign shipyard’ means a shipyard that is not located in the United States.

“(2) UNITED STATES.—The term ‘United States’ means—

“(A) any State of the United States; and

“(B) Guam.”

[Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, §3526(a), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 601, which directed amendment of section 1017(b)(2) of Pub. L. 109-364, set out above, by substituting “sections 12112, 50501, and 55102 of title 46, United States Code” for “section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. 883), section 12106 of title 46, United States Code, and section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. App. 802)”, could not be executed because those words did not appear subsequent to amendment by sec-