

(1) damage caused by a vessel of, or in the service of, the Department of the Army or by other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army;

(2) compensation for towage and salvage service, including contract salvage, rendered to a vessel of, or in the service of, the Department of the Army or to other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army; or

(3) damage caused by a maritime tort committed by any agent or employee of the Department of the Army or by property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army.

(b) If a claim under subsection (a) is settled or compromised for \$500,000 or less, the Secretary of the Army may pay it. If it is settled or compromised for more than \$500,000, he shall certify it to Congress.

(c) In any case where the amount to be paid is not more than \$100,000, the Secretary of the Army may delegate his authority under subsection (a) to any person in the Department of the Army designated by him.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 271; Pub. L. 89-67, July 7, 1965, 79 Stat. 212; Pub. L. 92-417, §1(1), Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 654; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1633, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1608.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4802(a) .....	10:1861 (less 35 words before 1st proviso, and less last proviso).	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, §1 (less 35 words before 1st proviso), 6 (as applicable to §1), 65 Stat. 572, 573.
4802(b) .....	10:1861 (last proviso).	
4802(c) .....	10:1866 (as applicable to 10:1861).	

In subsection (a), the words “consider, ascertain, adjust, determine” are omitted as covered by the word “settle”, as defined in section 4801 of this title. 10:1861 (1st proviso) is omitted as unnecessary, since other applicable claims laws are restated in this title. 10:1861 (2d proviso) is omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “\$100,000” for “\$10,000”.

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-417 substituted “Admiralty claims against the United States” for “Damage by United States vessels, towage and salvage of United States vessels” in section catchline, in text preceding par. (1), struck out requirement that the Secretary of the Army discharge his functions under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, in par. (1) inserted “or by other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army,” in par. (2) inserted “or to other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army; or,” and added par. (3).

1965—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-67 substituted “\$10,000” for “\$1,000”.

§ 4803. Admiralty claims by United States

(a) Under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army may settle, or compromise, and receive payment of a claim by the United States for damage to property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army or property for which the Department has assumed an obligation to respond for damage, if—  
(1) the claim is—

(A) of a kind that is within the admiralty jurisdiction of a district court of the United States; or

(B) for damage caused by a vessel or floating object; and

(2) the amount to be received by the United States is not more than \$500,000.

(b) In exchange for payment of an amount found to be due the United States under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army may execute a release of the claim on behalf of the United States. Amounts received under this section shall be covered into the Treasury.

(c) In any case where the amount to be received by the United States is not more than \$100,000, the Secretary of the Army may delegate his authority under subsections (a) and (b) to any person in the Department of the Army designated by him.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 271; Pub. L. 89-67, July 7, 1965, 79 Stat. 212; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1633, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1608.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4803(a) .....	10:1862 (1st sentence; 2d sentence, less last 32 words; and provisos of last sentence).	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, §2 (less last 32 words of 2d sentence), 6 (less applicability to §1), 65 Stat. 572, 573.
4803(b) .....	10:1862 (3d sentence; and last sentence, less provisos).	
4803(c) .....	10:1866 less applicability to 10:1861).	

In subsection (a), the words “consider, ascertain, adjust, determine” are omitted as covered by the word “settle”, as defined in section 4801 of this title. The words “receive payment” are substituted for 10:1862 (2d sentence, less last 32 words). The words “of a kind that is within the admiralty jurisdiction” are substituted for the words “cognizable in admiralty”. Clause (2) is substituted for 10:1862 (last proviso of last sentence). 10:1862 (1st proviso of last sentence) is omitted as unnecessary, since other applicable claims laws are restated in this title. The words “by contract or otherwise” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words “of the United States as miscellaneous receipts” and “to deliver” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “\$100,000” for “\$10,000”.

1965—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-67 substituted “\$10,000” for “\$1,000”.

§ 4804. Salvage claims by United States

(a) The Secretary of the Army may settle, or compromise, and receive payment of a claim by the United States for salvage services performed by the Department of the Army. Amounts received under this section shall be covered into the Treasury.

(b) In any case where the amount to be received by the United States is not more than \$10,000, the Secretary of the Army may delegate his authority under subsection (a) to any person designated by him.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 271; Pub. L. 92-417, §1(3), Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 654.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4804 .....	10:1863.	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, §3, 65 Stat. 573.

The words “under this section” are substituted for the words “for salvage services rendered”. The words “consider, ascertain, adjust, determine” are omitted as covered by the word “settle”, as defined in section 4801 of this title. The words “and receive payment of” are inserted for clarity and to conform to section 4803 of this title. The words “as miscellaneous receipts” are omitted as surplusage.

## AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-417 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), struck out requirement that the Secretary of the Army discharge his functions under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, and added subsec. (b).

**[§ 4805. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-533, § 1(8)(A), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 247]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 271, related to reports to Congress with respect to claims under sections 4802, 4803, and 4804 of this title.

**§ 4806. Settlement or compromise: final and conclusive**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon acceptance of payment the settlement or compromise of a claim under section 4802 or 4803 of this title is final and conclusive.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 272.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4806 .....	10:1861 (35 words before 1st proviso). 10:1862 (last 32 words of 2d sentence).	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, §1 (35 words before 1st proviso), 2 (last 32 words of 2d sentence), 65 Stat. 572, 573.

The words “for all purposes” and “to the contrary”, in 10:1861 and 1862; “by the claimant and not until then”, in 10:1861; and “but not until then”, in 10:1862; are omitted as surplusage.

**CHAPTER 453—ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Sec.	
4831.	Custody of departmental records and property.
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## AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, §375(c)(2)(A), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 84, struck out items 4832 “Property accountability: regulations” and 4836 “Individual equipment: unauthorized disposition”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §683(a)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3322, struck out “enlisted” before “members” in item 4837.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, §1006(c)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2633, struck out item 4835 “Reports of survey”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-258, §2(b)(10)(A), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1056, added items 4841 and 4842.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §512(24)(C), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2931, substituted “remission or cancellation of indebtedness of enlisted members” for “deductions from pay” in item 4837.

1972—Pub. L. 92-310, title II, §204(b), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 202, struck out item 4834 “Fidelity bonds: accountable officers; Quartermaster Corps”.

1962—Pub. L. 87-480, §1(3), June 8, 1962, 76 Stat. 94, struck out item 4833 “Accountability for public money: disbursing officers; agent officers”.

**§ 4831. Custody of departmental records and property**

The Secretary of the Army has custody and charge of all books, records, papers, furniture, fixtures, and other property under the lawful control of the executive part of the Department of the Army.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 272.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4831 .....	5:191.	R.S. 217.

The words “under the lawful control of the executive part of the Department of the Army” are substituted for the words “appertaining to the Department”.

**[§ 4832. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 375(c)(1)(A), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 83]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 272, authorized Secretary of the Army to prescribe regulations for the accounting for Army property.

**[§ 4833. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-480, § 1(2), June 8, 1962, 76 Stat. 94]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 272, related to accountability of Army officers for public money. See section 2773 of this title.

**[§ 4834. Repealed. Pub. L. 92-310, title II, § 204(a), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 202]**

Section, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 272; Nov. 2, 1966, Pub. L. 89-718, §31, 80 Stat. 1119, required commissioned officers of the Quartermaster Corps to give fidelity bonds.

**[§ 4835. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, § 1006(c)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2633]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 273; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §362, Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1628, related to actions taken upon reports of surveys and vouchers pertaining to the loss, spoilage, unserviceability, unsuitability, or destruction of or damage to property of the United States under the control of the Department of the Army.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable with respect to loss, spoilage, unserviceability, unsuitability, or destruction of, or damage to, property of United States under control of Department of Defense occurring on or after effective date of regulations prescribed pursuant to section 2787 of this title, see section 1006(d) of Pub. L. 107-314, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2787 of this title.

**[§ 4836. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 375(c)(1)(B), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 83]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 273, prohibited unauthorized disposition of individual equipment by enlisted members of the Army.