

ignated by the Secretary of the Navy” for “The Bureau of Ships”.

**§ 7304. Examination of vessels; striking of vessels from Naval Vessel Register**

(a) **BOARDS OF OFFICERS TO EXAMINE NAVAL VESSELS.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall designate boards of naval officers to examine naval vessels, including unfinished vessels, for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Secretary as to which vessels, if any, should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. Each vessel shall be examined at least once every three years if practicable.

(b) **ACTIONS BY BOARD.**—A board designated under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary in writing its recommendations as to which vessels, if any, among those it examined should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

(c) **ACTION BY SECRETARY.**—If the Secretary concurs with a recommendation by a board that a vessel should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register, the Secretary shall strike the name of that vessel from the Naval Vessel Register.

(Added Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1708.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7304, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 451, related to examination of vessels by board and striking of unfit vessels from Naval Vessel Register, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-160, § 824(b).

**§ 7305. Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register: sale**

(a) **APPRAISAL OF VESSELS STRICKEN FROM NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall appraise each vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register under section 7304 of this title.

(b) **AUTHORITY TO SELL VESSEL.**—If the Secretary considers that the sale of the vessel is in the national interest, the Secretary may sell the vessel. Any such sale shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary for the purposes of this section.

(c) **PROCEDURES FOR SALE.**—(1) A vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register and not subject to disposal under any other law may be sold under this section.

(2) In such a case, the Secretary may—

(A) sell the vessel to the highest acceptable bidder, regardless of the appraised value of the vessel, after publicly advertising the sale of the vessel for a period of not less than 30 days; or

(B) subject to paragraph (3), sell the vessel by competitive negotiation to the acceptable offeror who submits the offer that is most advantageous to the United States (taking into account price and such other factors as the Secretary determines appropriate).

(3) Before entering into negotiations to sell a vessel under paragraph (2)(B), the Secretary shall publish notice of the intention to do so in the Commerce Business Daily sufficiently in advance of initiating the negotiations that all interested parties are given a reasonable opportunity to prepare and submit proposals. The

Secretary shall afford an opportunity to participate in the negotiations to all acceptable offerors submitting proposals that the Secretary considers as having the potential to be the most advantageous to the United States (taking into account price and such other factors as the Secretary determines appropriate).

(d) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section does not apply to a vessel the disposal of which is authorized by subtitle I of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41, if it is to be disposed of under those provisions.

(Added Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1708; amended Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, § 1021, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1875; Pub. L. 107-217, § 3(b)(28), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, § 1045(a)(7), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1612; Pub. L. 111-350, § 5(b)(53), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3847.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7305, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 451; Dec. 12, 1980, Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 513(27), 94 Stat. 2933, related to sale of vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-160, § 824(b).

**AMENDMENTS**

2011—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-350 substituted “division C (except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41, if it is to be disposed of under those provisions” for “title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.), if it is to be disposed of under subtitle I of title 40 and such title III”.

2003—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-136 inserted “such” before “title III”.

2002—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-217 inserted “subtitle I of title 40 and title III of” before “the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949” and substituted “(41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” for “(40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.)” and “subtitle I of title 40 and title III” for “that Act”.

1997—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-85 amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) read as follows:

“(c) **PROCEDURES FOR SALE.**—(1) A vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register and not subject to disposal under any other law may be sold under this section. In such a case, the Secretary may sell the vessel to the highest acceptable bidder, regardless of the appraised value of the vessel, after the vessel is publicly advertised for sale for a period of not less than 30 days.

“(2) If the Secretary determines that the bid prices for a vessel received after advertising under paragraph (1) are not acceptable and that readvertising will serve no useful purpose, the Secretary may sell the vessel by negotiation to the highest acceptable bidder if—

“(A) each responsible bidder has been notified of intent to negotiate and has been given a reasonable opportunity to negotiate; and

“(B) the negotiated price is—

“(i) higher than the highest rejected price of any responsible bidder; or

“(ii) reasonable and in the national interest.”

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11765**

Ex. Ord. No. 11765, Jan. 21, 1974, 39 F.R. 2577, related to sale of vessels of the Navy stricken from Naval Vessel Register pursuant to section 7304 of this title regardless of their appraised value under authority of former subsec. (l) of this section.