

under section 3805(e) or 3806 of this title, or any amount agreed upon in a settlement or compromise under section 3803(j) or 3806(f) of this title, may be collected by administrative offset under section 3716 of this title, except that an administrative offset may not be made under this subsection against a refund of an overpayment of Federal taxes, then or later owing by the United States to the person liable for such penalty or assessment.

(b) All amounts collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit in accordance with section 3806(g) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1947.)

**§ 3808. Limitations**

(a) A hearing under section 3803(d)(2) of this title with respect to a claim or statement shall be commenced within 6 years after the date on which such claim or statement is made, presented, or submitted.

(b) A civil action to recover a penalty or assessment under section 3806 of this title shall be commenced within 3 years after the date on which the determination of liability for such penalty or assessment becomes final.

(c) If at any time during the course of proceedings brought pursuant to this chapter the authority head receives or discovers any specific information regarding bribery, gratuities, conflict of interest, or other corruption or similar activity in relation to a false claim or statement, the authority head shall immediately report such information to the Attorney General, and in the case of an authority in which an Office of Inspector General is established by the Inspector General Act of 1978 or by any other Federal law, to the Inspector General of that authority.

(Added Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1947.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Inspector General Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 95-452, Oct. 12, 1978, 92 Stat. 1101, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 3809. Regulations**

Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this chapter, each authority head shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter. Such rules and regulations shall—

(1) ensure that investigating officials and reviewing officials are not responsible for conducting the hearing required in section 3803(f) of this title, making the determinations required by subsections (f) and (h) of section 3803 of this title, or making collections under section 3806 of this title; and

(2) require a reviewing official to include in any notice required by section 3803(a)(2) of this title a statement which specifies that the reviewing official has determined that there is a reasonable prospect of collecting, from a person with respect to whom the reviewing official is referring allegations of liability in such

notice, the amount for which such person may be liable.

(Added Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1947.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this chapter, referred to in text, means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 99-509 which was approved Oct. 21, 1986.

**[§ 3810. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-66, title III, § 3001(c)(1), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 734]**

Section, added Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1947, required annual reports to Congress.

**§ 3811. Effect on other law**

(a) This chapter does not diminish the responsibility of any agency to comply with the provisions of chapter 35 of title 44.

(b) This chapter does not supersede the provisions of section 3512 of title 44.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term “agency” has the same meaning as in section 3502(1) of title 44.

(Added Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1948.)

**§ 3812. Prohibition against delegation**

Any function, duty, or responsibility which this chapter specifies be carried out by the Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General designated by the Attorney General, shall not be delegated to, or carried out by, any other officer or employee of the Department of Justice.

(Added Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(a), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1948.)

**CHAPTER 39—PROMPT PAYMENT**

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AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-362, title XIII, §1301(c)(2)(C), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3293, struck out item 3906 “Reports”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-496, §9(b), Oct. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 2463, added item 3905 and redesignated former items 3905 and 3906 as 3906 and 3907, respectively.

**§ 3901. Definitions and application**

(a) In this chapter—

(1) “agency” has the same meaning given that term in section 551(1) of title 5 and includes an entity being operated, and the head of the agency identifies the entity as being operated, only as an instrumentality of the agency to carry out a program of the agency.

(2) “business concern” means—

(A) a person carrying on a trade or business; and

(B) a nonprofit entity operating as a contractor.