

Except as specifically provided, nothing in this chapter may be interpreted to prejudice any otherwise applicable right, duty, privilege, or immunity or deprive any country or person of any remedy otherwise applicable.

(Pub. L. 93-248, § 15, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 95-302, § 1(6), June 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 345.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-302 inserted “, the protocol,” after “convention”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 95-302, see section 2 of Pub. L. 95-302, set out as a note under section 1487 of this title.

### § 1485. Rules and regulations

The Secretary may issue reasonable rules and regulations which he considers appropriate and necessary for the effective implementation of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 93-248, § 16, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10.)

### § 1486. Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund

The Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund shall be available to the Secretary for actions taken under sections 1474 and 1476 of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-248, § 17, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 101-380, title II, § 2001, Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 506.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-380 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The revolving fund established under section 1321(k) of this title shall be available to the Secretary for Federal actions and activities under section 1474 of this title.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-380 applicable to incidents occurring after Aug. 18, 1990, see section 1020 of Pub. L. 101-380, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2701 of this title.

### § 1487. Effective date

This chapter shall be effective upon February 5, 1974, or upon the date the convention becomes effective as to the United States, whichever is later.

(Pub. L. 93-248, § 18, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date the convention became effective as to the United States, referred to in text, is May 6, 1975.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-302, § 2, June 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 345, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 1471 to 1473, 1479, 1482, and 1484 of this title] shall be effective upon the date of enactment [June 26, 1978], or upon the date the protocol becomes effective as to the United States, whichever is later.” [The protocol was adopted by the United States on Sept. 7, 1978, to be effective as to the United States upon its adoption by 15 countries. The protocol became effective as to the United States Mar. 30, 1983.]

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### § 1501. Congressional declaration of policy

(a) It is declared to be the purposes of the Congress in this chapter to—

(1) authorize and regulate the location, ownership, construction, and operation of deepwater ports in waters beyond the territorial limits of the United States;

(2) provide for the protection of the marine and coastal environment to prevent or minimize any adverse impact which might occur as a consequence of the development of such ports;

(3) protect the interests of the United States and those of adjacent coastal States in the location, construction, and operation of deepwater ports;

(4) protect the rights and responsibilities of States and communities to regulate growth, determine land use, and otherwise protect the environment in accordance with law;

(5) promote the construction and operation of deepwater ports as a safe and effective means of importing oil or natural gas into the United States and transporting oil or natural gas from the outer continental shelf<sup>1</sup> while minimizing tanker traffic and the risks attendant thereto; and

(6) promote oil or natural gas production on the outer continental shelf<sup>1</sup> by affording an economic and safe means of transportation of outer continental shelf<sup>1</sup> oil or natural gas to the United States mainland.

(b) The Congress declares that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect the legal status of the high seas, the superjacent airspace, or the seabed and subsoil, including the Continental Shelf.

(Pub. L. 93-627, § 2, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2126; Pub. L. 104-324, title V, § 502(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be capitalized.