

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 139 (Jan. 28, 1899, No. 12, 30 Stat. 1388; Mar. 2, 1901, No. 16, §§ 1, 2, 31 Stat. 1464; June 20, 1936, ch. 630, title IV, § 6, 49 Stat. 1550).

Reference to the Official Register is omitted as obsolete. The authorization for its compilation was repealed by Public Law 88-626.

## CODIFICATION

The 1982 amendment by Pub. L. 97-276 is based on section 305(a) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

## AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-276 substituted “not to exceed twenty-five copies of” for “”, and for international exchange as provided by section 1719 of this title, not to exceed one hundred and fifty copies of”.

**§ 1719. International exchange of Government publications**

For the purpose of more fully carrying into effect the convention concluded at Brussels on March 15, 1886, and proclaimed by the President of the United States on January 15, 1889, there shall be supplied to the Superintendent of Documents not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five copies each of all Government publications, including the daily and bound copies of the Congressional Record, for distribution to those foreign governments which agree, as indicated by the Library of Congress, to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress. Confidential matter, blank forms, circular letters not of a public character, publications determined by their issuing department, office, or establishment to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value, and publications classified for reasons of national security shall be exempted from this requirement. The printing, binding, and distribution costs of any publications distributed in accordance with this section shall be charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 97-276, § 101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189; Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(j), Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-287, and Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(j), Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-287, as amended Pub. L. 100-71, title I, July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 425.)

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Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964, ed., § 139a (Mar. 2, 1901, No. 16, § 3, 31 Stat. 1465; Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 421, § 7, 43 Stat. 1106; June 20, 1936, ch. 630, title IV, § 6, 49 Stat. 1550).

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

There were two conventions concluded at Brussels on Mar. 15, 1886, and proclaimed by the President on Jan. 15, 1889: one was a convention “for the international exchange of official documents, scientific, and literary publications”; the other was “for the immediate exchange of the official journals, parliamentary annals, and documents.”

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-591 is a corrected version of Pub. L. 99-500. The 1986 amendment is based on section 306 of title III of H.R. 5203 (see House Report 99-805 as filed in the

House on Aug. 15, 1986), and incorporated by reference in section 101(j) of Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, to be effective as if enacted into law.

The 1982 amendment by Pub. L. 97-276 is based on section 305(b) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

## AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, amended last sentence generally, substituting “charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose” for “chargeable to the department, office, or establishment issuing the publication”. See Codification note above.

1982—Pub. L. 97-276 substituted “Superintendent of Documents” for first reference to “Library of Congress” and “for distribution to those foreign governments which agree, as indicated by the Library of Congress, to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress” for “for distribution, through the Smithsonian Institution, to foreign governments which agree to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress”, and inserted “Confidential matter, blank forms, circular letters not of a public character, publications determined by their issuing department, office, or establishment to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value, and publications classified for reasons of national security shall be exempted from this requirement. The printing, binding, and distribution costs of any publication distributed in accordance with this section shall be chargeable to the department, office, or establishment issuing the publication.”

**§ 1720. Documents not needed by departments to be turned over to Superintendent of Documents**

Public documents accumulating in the several executive departments, bureaus, and offices, not needed for official use, shall be turned over to the Superintendent of Documents annually for distribution or sale.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

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Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 78 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 67, 28 Stat. 611).

**§ 1721. Exchange of documents by heads of departments**

Heads of departments may exchange surplus documents for other documents and books required by them, when it is to the advantage of the public service.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

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Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 93 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 95, 28 Stat. 623).

**§ 1722. Departmental distribution of publications**

Government publications printed for or received by the executive departments, whether for official use or for distribution, except those required by section 1701 of this title to be distributed by the Public Printer, shall be distributed by a competent person detailed to this duty in each department by the head of the department. He shall prevent duplication and make detailed report to the head of the department.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

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Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §96 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §92, 28 Stat. 623; May 29, 1928, ch. 901, §1(2), 45 Stat. 986).

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AMENDMENTS

- 1978—Pub. L. 95-261, §2, Apr. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 199, added item 1916.
- 1972—Pub. L. 92-368, §1(b), Aug. 10, 1972, 86 Stat. 507, added item 1915.

FEDERAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS WITHOUT EFFECT ON CHAPTER

Authority and responsibilities under chapter not limited or repealed by Federal Records Management Amendments of 1976, see section 5(b) of Pub. L. 94-575, set out as a note under section 2901 of this title.

**§ 1901. Definition of Government publication**

“Government publication” as used in this chapter, means informational matter which is published as an individual document at Government expense, or as required by law.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283.)

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Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §81a (Pub. L. 87-579, §1, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 352).

**§ 1902. Availability of Government publications through Superintendent of Documents; lists of publications not ordered from Government Printing Office**

Government publications, except those determined by their issuing components to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value and publications classified for reasons of national security, shall be made available to depository libraries through the facilities of the Superintendent of Documents for public information. Each component of the Government shall furnish the Superintendent of Documents a list of such publications it issued during the previous month, that were obtained from sources other than the Government Printing Office.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283.)

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Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §81b (Pub. L. 87-579, §1, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 352).

**§ 1903. Distribution of publications to depositories; notice to Government components; cost of printing and binding**

Upon request of the Superintendent of Documents, components of the Government ordering the printing of publications shall either increase or decrease the number of copies of publications furnished for distribution to designated depository libraries and State libraries so that the number of copies delivered to the Superintendent of Documents is equal to the number of libraries on the list. The number thus delivered may not be restricted by any statutory limitation in force on August 9, 1962. Copies of publications furnished the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to designated depository libraries shall include—

- the journals of the Senate and House of Representatives;
- all publications, not confidential in character, printed upon the requisition of a congressional committee;
- Senate and House public bills and resolutions; and
- reports on private bills, concurrent or simple resolutions;

but not so-called cooperative publications which must necessarily be sold in order to be self-sustaining.

The Superintendent of Documents shall currently inform the components of the Government ordering printing of publications as to the number of copies of their publications required for distribution to depository libraries. The cost of printing and binding those publications distributed to depository libraries obtained elsewhere than from the Government Printing Office, shall be borne by components of the Government responsible for their issuance; those requisitioned from the Government Printing Office shall be charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283.)