

(d) Omitted [Amendment of section 902 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (now 46 U.S.C. 56301 et seq.)].

(e) to (i) Repealed. July 25, 1947, ch. 327, § 1, 61 Stat. 449.

(j) Omitted [Amendment of section 1273 of this Appendix].

(k) Omitted [Amendment of section 1274 of this Appendix].

(Mar. 24, 1943, ch. 26, § 3, 57 Stat. 48; July 25, 1947, ch. 327, § 1, 61 Stat. 449.)

CODIFICATION

Subsec. (b). Act Mar. 24, 1943, dealing with power of War Shipping Administrator to determine whether a vessel was required by United States, expired with the termination on Sept. 1, 1946, of War Shipping Administration, as set forth in note below.

In subsec. (c), “chapter 563 of title 46” substituted for “section 902 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended,” on authority of Pub. L. 109-304, § 18(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1709, which Act enacted chapter 563 of Title 46, Shipping.

Subsecs. (e) to (i). Act Mar. 24, 1943, amended sections 1128b to 1128e and 1128h of former Title 46, Shipping, by providing compensation for servicing insurance, placing 5 percent limitation on commissions, for action in nature of bill of interpleader against interested persons, defining risks of war, and reinsurance of insurance companies.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

War Shipping Administration terminated as of Sept. 1, 1946, and functions, powers, duties, etc., transferred to United States Maritime Commission for period Sept. 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1946, for purpose of liquidating Administration, by act July 8, 1946, ch. 543, title II, § 202, 60 Stat. 501.

United States Maritime Commission abolished by Reorg. Plan No. 21, 1950, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3178, 64 Stat. 1273, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, which transferred part of its functions and part of functions of its Chairman to Federal Maritime Board and Chairman thereof, that Board having been created by that Plan as an agency within Department of Commerce with an independent status in some respects, and transferred remainder of Commission’s functions and functions of its Chairman to Secretary of Commerce, with power vested in Secretary to authorize their performance by Maritime Administrator, the head of Maritime Administration, which likewise was established by the Plan in Department of Commerce with provision that Chairman of Federal Maritime Board should, ex officio, be that Administrator.

Federal Maritime Board, including offices of members of Board, abolished by section 304 of Reorg. Plan No. 7 of 1961, eff. Aug. 12, 1961, 26 F.R. 7315, 75 Stat. 843, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Functions of Board transferred either to Federal Maritime Commission or to Secretary of Commerce by sections 103 and 202 of Reorg. Plan No. 7 of 1961.

Maritime Administration transferred from Department of Commerce to Department of Transportation by Maritime Act of 1981, Pub. L. 97-31, Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 151, which was repealed in part by Pub. L. 109-304, § 19, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1710. See section 109 of Title 49, Transportation.

VESSEL OPERATIONS UNDER REVOLVING FUND

Vessel operations conducted under Vessel Operations Revolving Fund, applicability of subsec. (c) of this section to, see section 50301(a) to (e) of Title 46, Shipping.

§ 1294. United States as entitled to all benefits of exemption and limitation of liability accorded to owners of vessels

The United States shall, with respect to vessels owned by or chartered to the War Shipping Administrator¹ under bareboat charter or time charter or operated directly by such Administrator or for his account, be entitled to the benefits of all exemptions and of all limitations of liability accorded by law to the owners of vessels. With respect to any such vessel, the term “the United States” shall include agents or other persons acting for or on behalf of the Administrator in connection with the operation thereof.

(Mar. 24, 1943, ch. 26, § 4, 57 Stat. 51.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

War Shipping Administration terminated as of Sept. 1, 1946, and functions, powers, duties, etc., transferred to United States Maritime Commission for period Sept. 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1946, for purpose of liquidating Administration, by act July 8, 1946, ch. 543, title II, § 202, 60 Stat. 501.

VESSEL OPERATIONS UNDER REVOLVING FUND

Vessel operations conducted under Vessel Operations Revolving Fund, applicability of this section to, see section 50301(a) to (e) of Title 46, Shipping.

§ 1295. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act Mar. 24, 1943, ch. 26, § 5, 57 Stat. 51, which provided that section 1291(a) of this Appendix should remain in force until termination of sections 601 to 605 of this Appendix by section 621 of this Appendix, was omitted in view of termination on Sept. 1, 1946, of War Shipping Administration.

ACT APR. 29, 1943, CH. 81, 57 STAT. 69

§§ 1301 to 1305. Repealed. Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 725, § 1(a), 68 Stat. 701

Section 1301, acts Apr. 29, 1943, ch. 81, § 1, 57 Stat. 69; May 18, 1944, ch. 199, § 1, 58 Stat. 223, related to return of fishing vessels, vessels of 100 tons or less and Great Lakes vessels to private owners.

Section 1302, acts Apr. 29, 1943, ch. 81, § 2, 57 Stat. 69; May 18, 1944, ch. 199, § 2, 58 Stat. 223, related to determination of availability of vessels mentioned in section 1301 of this Appendix, repayment of compensation to United States.

Section 1303, acts Apr. 29, 1943, ch. 81, § 3, 57 Stat. 69; May 18, 1944, ch. 199, § 3, 58 Stat. 244; Aug. 10, 1946, ch. 948, 60 Stat. 976, related to failure or waiver of return rights, sale of vessels.

Section 1304, acts Apr. 29, 1943, ch. 81, § 4, 57 Stat. 70; May 18, 1944, ch. 199, § 4, 58 Stat. 224, related to payment of expenses incurred by War Shipping Administration in return or sale of vessels.

Section 1305, act Apr. 29, 1943, ch. 81, § 5, as added Aug. 10, 1946, ch. 948, 60 Stat. 976, related to vessels for exclusive disposal to veterans.

SAVINGS PROVISION

See section 1(b) of act Aug. 13, 1954, set out as a note under sections 1306 to 1308 of this Appendix.

ACT AUG. 10, 1946, CH. 949, 60 STAT. 977

§§ 1306 to 1308. Repealed. Aug. 13, 1954, ch. 725, § 1(b), 68 Stat. 701

Section 1306, act Aug. 10, 1946, ch. 949, § 1, 60 Stat. 977, related to sale of surplus vessels for fishing.

¹ See Transfer of Functions note below.