

words “United States Postal Service” are substituted for “Post Office Department or Postal Service” in section 3a of the Government Losses in Shipment Act (ch. 444), as added by section 2 of the Act of August 10, 1939 (ch. 665, 53 Stat. 1358), because of sections 4(a) and 6(o) of the Postal Reorganization Act (Public Law 91–375, 84 Stat. 773, 783). The words “Secretary of the Treasury” are substituted for “Treasury Department” because of 31:301(b).

**§ 17306. Agreements of indemnity**

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Federal Government” includes wholly owned Government corporations, and officers and employees of the Government or its executive departments, independent establishments, and agencies while acting in their official capacity.

(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury may make and deliver, on behalf of the Federal Government, a binding agreement of indemnity the Secretary considers necessary and proper to enable the Government to obtain the replacement of any instrument or document—

(1) received by the Government or an agent of the Government in the agent’s official capacity; and

(2) which, after having been received, is lost, destroyed, or so mutilated as to impair its value.

(c) WHEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT OBLIGATED.—The Government is not obligated under an agreement of indemnity if the obligee named in the agreement makes a payment or delivery not required by law on the original of the instrument or document covered by the agreement.

(d) USE OF FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT LOSSES IN SHIPMENT.—The fund described in section 17303 of this title is available to pay any obligation arising out of an agreement the Secretary makes under this section.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17306(a) .....	40:729(a) (last sentence).	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §7(a) (last sentence), 50 Stat. 480; Aug. 10, 1939, ch. 665, § 3, 53 Stat. 1359.
17306(b) .....	40:725 (1st sentence words before proviso).	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §3b, as added Aug. 10, 1939, ch. 665, § 2, 53 Stat. 1359.
17306(c) .....	40:725 (1st sentence proviso).	
17306(d) .....	40:725 (last sentence).	

**§ 17307. Purchase of insurance**

An executive department, independent establishment, agency, wholly owned Government corporation, officer, or employee may expend money, or incur an obligation, for insurance, or for the payment of premiums on insurance, against loss, destruction, or damage in the shipment of valuables only as specifically authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary may give the authorization if the Secretary finds that the risk of loss, destruction, or damage in the shipment cannot be guarded against adequately by the facilities of the Federal Government or that adequate replacement cannot be provided under this chapter.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17307 .....	40:726.	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §4, 50 Stat. 480.

The words “On and after the effective date of the regulations prescribed under section 721 of this title” are omitted as obsolete. The words “the circumstances are such that” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 17308. Presumption of lawful conduct**

For purposes of the propriety of an act or omission related to a shipment to which the regulations prescribed under section 17302 of this title apply, every officer and employee of the Federal Government and every individual acting on behalf of a wholly owned Government corporation who makes a shipment of valuables in good faith under, and substantially in accordance with, the regulations is deemed to be acting in the faithful execution of the officer’s, employee’s, or individual’s duties of office and in full performance of any conditions of the officer’s, employee’s, or individual’s bond and oath of office.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17308 .....	40:727.	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §5, 50 Stat. 480.

**§ 17309. Rules and regulations**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—With the approval of the President, the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe regulations necessary to carry out the duties and powers vested in the Secretary under this chapter.

(b) PROVIDING INFORMATION.—To carry out subsection (a), the Secretary may require a person making a shipment of valuables or a claim for replacement to make a declaration or to provide other information the Secretary considers necessary.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17309(a) .....	40:728 (words before 3d comma).	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §6, 50 Stat. 480.
17309(b) .....	40:728 (words after 3d comma).	

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation to Secretary of the Treasury of authority vested in President by section 728 of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works (which was repealed and reenacted as this section by Pub. L. 107–217, §§1, 6(b), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062, 1304), see section 2(a) of Ex. Ord. No. 10289, eff. Sept. 17, 1951, 16 F.R. 9409, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

**CHAPTER 175—FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENDITURE CONTROL**

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§ 17501. Definitions

In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive agency”—

(A) means an executive agency (as that term is defined in section 105 of title 5) that operates at least 300 motor vehicles; but

(B) does not include the Tennessee Valley Authority.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term “motor vehicle” means—

(A) a vehicle self-propelled or drawn by mechanical power; but not

(B) a vehicle designed or used for military field training, combat, or tactical purposes, or any other special purpose vehicle exempted from the requirements of this chapter by the Administrator of General Services.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1283.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
17501 .....	40:913.	Pub. L. 99–272, title XV, §15313, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 338.

In this section, the text of 40:913(2)–(4) is omitted as unnecessary because the complete names of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator of General Services, and the Comptroller General of the United States are used the first time the terms appear in a section.

Before clause (1), the words “this chapter” were in the original “this title”, meaning title XV (§§15101 to 15313) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–272, 100 Stat. 330). In clause (2)(B), the words “this chapter” are substituted for “this part” as the probable intent of Congress because title XV of the Act does not contain part designations and the intention was probably to refer to title XV, which is restated as this chapter.

§ 17502. Monitoring system

The head of each executive agency shall designate one office, officer, or employee of the agency—

(1) to establish and operate a central monitoring system for the motor vehicle operations of the agency, related activities, and related reporting requirements; and

(2) provide oversight of those operations, activities, and requirements.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
17502 .....	40:901.	Pub. L. 99–272, title XV, §15301, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 335.

In this chapter, the words “executive agency” are substituted for “executive agency, including the Department of Defense” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 17503. Data collection

(a) COST IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS.—The head of each executive agency shall develop a system to identify, collect, and analyze data with respect to all costs (including obligations and outlays) the agency incurs in the operation, maintenance, acquisition, and disposition of motor vehicles, including vehicles owned or leased by the Federal Government and privately owned vehicles used for official purposes.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA SYSTEMS.—

(1) SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS.—In cooperation with the Comptroller General of the United States and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator of General Services shall prescribe requirements governing the establishment and operation by executive agencies of the systems required by subsection (a), including requirements with respect to data on the costs and uses of motor vehicles and with respect to the uniform collection and submission of the data.

(2) CONFORMITY WITH PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS.—Requirements prescribed under this section shall conform to accounting principles and standards issued by the Comptroller General. Each executive agency shall comply with those requirements.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1284.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
17503 .....	40:902.	Pub. L. 99–272, title XV, §15302, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 335.

In subsection (a), the words “including vehicles owned or leased by the Federal Government and privately owned vehicles” are substituted for “Government-owned vehicles, leased vehicles, and privately owned vehicles” for clarity.

§ 17504. Agency statements with respect to motor vehicle use

(a) CONTENTS OF STATEMENT.—The head of each executive agency shall include with the appropriation request the agency submits under section 1108 of title 31 for each fiscal year, a statement—

(1) specifying—

(A) the total motor vehicle acquisition, maintenance, leasing, operation, and disposal costs (including obligations and outlays) the agency incurred in the most recently completed fiscal year; and

(B) an estimate of those costs for the fiscal year in which the request is submitted and for the succeeding fiscal year; and

(2) justifying why the existing and any new motor vehicle acquisition, maintenance, leasing, operation, and disposal requirements of the agency cannot be met through the Inter-agency Fleet Management System the Administrator of General Services operates, a qualified private fleet management firm, or any other method which is less costly to the Federal Government.