

**§ 943c. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 1993 and 1994 to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 102-440, title II, §205, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2234.)

**CHAPTER 16—TUNA CONVENTIONS**

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**§ 951. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Antigua Convention**

The term "Antigua Convention" means the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission Established by the 1949 Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica, signed at Washington, November 14, 2003.

**(2) Commission**

The term "Commission" means the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission provided for by the Convention.

**(3) Convention**

The term "Convention" means—

(A) the Convention for the Establishment of an Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, signed at Washington, May 31, 1949, by the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica;

(B) the Antigua Convention, upon its entry into force for the United States, and any amendments thereto that are in force for the United States; or

(C) both such Conventions, as the context requires.

**(4) Person**

The term "person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or association subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

**(5) United States**

The term "United States" includes all areas under the sovereignty of the United States.

**(6) United States Commissioners**

The term "United States commissioners"<sup>1</sup> means the individuals appointed in accordance with section 952(a) of this title.

(Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §2, 64 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 87-814, §1, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 923; Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §203, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 660.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2015—Pub. L. 114-81 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section defined terms for this chapter. 1962—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 87-814 substituted definition of "United States" for definition of "enforcement agency".

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §14, 64 Stat. 780, provided: "This Act [this chapter] shall take effect with respect to each of the conventions upon the entry into force of that convention, unless such entry into force shall be prior to the date of approval of this Act [Sept. 7, 1950] in which case this Act [this chapter] shall take effect immediately." The Costa Rican convention was ratified on March 3, 1950, and the Mexican convention on July 11, 1950. Therefore, the act took effect upon its approval on Sept. 7, 1950.

**SHORT TITLE OF 2015 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 114-81, title II, §201, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 660, provided that: "This title [amending sections 951 to 953, 955, 957, 959, and 962 of this title and repealing chapter 16B of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 972 of this title] may be cited as the 'Antigua Convention Implementing Act of 2015'."

**SHORT TITLE**

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §1, 64 Stat. 777, provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Tuna Conventions Act of 1950'."

**SEPARABILITY**

Act Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 907, §13, 64 Stat. 780, provided: "If any provision of this Act [this chapter] or the application of such provision to any circumstances or persons shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby."

**LANDING OF CATCH OF FISH BY FOREIGN VESSELS**

Pub. L. 87-814, §6, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 926, provided that: "Nothing in this Act [amending this section and sections 955 to 957, 959 of this title] shall be construed to amend or repeal the provisions of section 4311 of the Revised Statutes, as amended ([former] 46 U.S.C. [App.] 251) [see 46 U.S.C. 55114]."

**§ 952. Commissioners****(a) Commissioners**

The United States shall be represented on the Commission by four United States Commissioners. The President shall appoint individuals to serve on the Commission. The United States Commissioners shall be subject to supervision and removal by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary. In making the appointments, the President shall select United States Commissioners from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning highly migratory fish stocks in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, one of whom shall be an officer or employee of the Department of Commerce. Not more than two United States Commissioners may be appointed who reside in a State other than a State whose vessels maintain a substantial fishery in the area of the Convention.

**(b) Alternate Commissioners**

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary, may designate from time to time

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