

**§ 7408. International cooperation and assistance****(a) Assistance to developing nations and international organizations**

Consistent with existing authority and the availability of funds, the Secretary shall provide appropriate assistance to developing nations and international organizations of which such nations are members to assist those nations in meeting their obligations under the Agreement.

**(b) Personnel, services, equipment, and facilities**

In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary may, by agreement, on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis, utilize the personnel, services, equipment, and facilities of any Federal, State, local, or foreign government or any entity of any such government.

(Pub. L. 114–81, title III, §309, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 669.)

**§ 7409. Relationship to other laws****(a) In general**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to displace any requirements imposed by the customs laws of the United States or any other laws or regulations enforced or administered by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Where more stringent requirements regarding port entry or access to port services exist under other Federal law, those more stringent requirements shall apply. Nothing in this chapter shall affect a vessel's entry into port, in accordance with international law, for reasons of force majeure or distress.

**(b) United States obligations under international law**

This chapter shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with United States obligations under international law.

(Pub. L. 114–81, title III, §310, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 669.)

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**§ 7501. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Coastal county**

The term “coastal county” has the meaning given the term by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the document entitled “NOAA’s List of Coastal Counties for the Bureau of the Census” (or similar successor document).

**(2) Coastal State**

The term “coastal State” has the meaning given the term “coastal state” in section 1453 of this title.

**(3) Foundation**

The term “Foundation” means the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation established by section 3701(a) of this title.

**(4) Fund**

The term “Fund” means the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund established under section 7503(a) of this title.

**(5) Indian tribe**

The term “Indian tribe” means any federally recognized Indian tribe.

**(6) Administrator**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, the term “Administrator” means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**(7) Tidal shoreline**

The term “tidal shoreline” has the meaning given that term pursuant to section 923.110(c)(2)(i) of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, or a similar successor regulation.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §902, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031.)

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Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §901, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘National Oceans and Coastal Security Act.’”

**§ 7502. Purposes and agreements****(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are to better understand and utilize the oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes of the United States, and ensure present and future generations will benefit from the full range of ecological, economic, social, and recreational opportunities, security, and services these resources are capable of providing.

**(b) Agreements**

The Administrator and the Foundation may enter into such agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §903, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3031.)

**§ 7503. National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund****(a) Establishment**

The Administrator and the Foundation are authorized to establish the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund as a tax exempt fund to further the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Deposits****(1) In general**

There shall be deposited into the Fund amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to carry out this chapter.

**(2) Prohibitions on donations from foreign governments**

No amounts donated by a foreign government, as defined in section 7342 of title 5, may be deposited into the Fund.

**(c) Requirements**

Any amounts received by the Foundation pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to the pro-