

section to limit government procurements from foreign countries, shall seek the advice of executive agencies through the interagency trade organization established under section 1872(a) of this title and the advice of United States businesses and other interested parties.

“(i) **RENEGOTIATION TO SECURE FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.**—The President shall instruct the United States Trade Representative, in conducting renegotiations of the Agreement, to seek improvements in the Agreement that will secure full and open competition consistent with the requirements imposed by the amendments made by the Competition in Contracting Act (Public Law 98-369; 98 Stat. 1175).

“(j) **FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES OF ACTIONS.**—

“(1) **NOTICES REQUIRED.**—A notice shall be published in the Federal Register on the date of any action under this section, describing—

“(A) the results of dispute settlement proceedings under subsection (f)(2) of this section;

“(B) any sanction imposed under subsection (f)(3) or (g)(1) of this section;

“(C) any withholding, modification, or restriction of any sanction under subsection (f)(4) or (g)(2) of this section; and

“(D) the termination of any sanction under subsection (f)(5) or (g)(3) of this section.

“(2) **PUBLICATION OF DETERMINATIONS LIFTING SANCTIONS.**—A notice describing the termination of any sanction under subsection (f)(5) or (g)(3) of this section shall include a copy of the President's determination under such subsection.

“(k) **GENERAL REPORT ON ACTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.**—

“(1) **ADVICE TO CONGRESS.**—The President shall, as necessary, advise the Congress and, by no later than April 30, 1994, submit to the [sic] appropriate committees of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs and other appropriate committees of the Senate, a general report on actions taken pursuant to this section.

“(2) **CONTENTS OF REPORT.**—The general report required by this subsection shall include an evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of actions taken pursuant to subsections (e), (f), and (g) of this section as a means toward eliminating discriminatory government procurement practices against United States businesses.

“(3) **LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The general report may also include, if appropriate, legislative recommendations for enhancing the usefulness of this section or for other measures to be used as means for eliminating or responding to discriminatory foreign government procurement practices.”

See Termination Date of 1988 Amendment note below.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date on which the Agreement on Government Procurement, referred to in section 3511(d)(17) of this title, enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1995], see section 344(a) of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as a note under section 2512 of this title.

#### TERMINATION DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-418 to cease to be effective on Apr. 30, 1996, unless Congress, after reviewing report required by former subsec. (k) of this section, extends such date, see section 7004 of Pub. L. 100-418, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1988 Amendment note under section 2511 of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Secretary of the Treasury under subsec. (b) transferred to Secretary of Commerce, to exercise in consultation with Secretary of the Treasury, by section 5(a)(1)(A) of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1979, 44 F.R. 69274, 93 Stat. 1381, eff. Jan. 2, 1980, as provided by section 1-107(a) of Ex. Ord. No. 12188, Jan. 2, 1980, 45 F.R. 993, set out as notes under section 2171 of this title.

Pub. L. 96-609, title II, §205, Dec. 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 3562, provided that: “Notwithstanding subparagraph (1)(A) of subsection 5(a) of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979 (44 F.R. 69272, 93 Stat. 1381) [set out as a note under section 2171 of this title], the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate shall issue such advisory rulings and make such determinations as are authorized by subsection 305(b)(1) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2515(b)(1)).”

#### DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under subsec. (c) delegated to United States Trade Representative, see section 1-201 of Ex. Ord. No. 12260, Dec. 31, 1980, 46 F.R. 1653, set out as a note under section 2511 of this title.

**§ 2516. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-355, title VII, § 7206(c), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3382; Pub. L. 103-465, title III, § 342(d), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4953**

Section, Pub. L. 96-39, title III, §306, July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 240, related to labor surplus area studies.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal by Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date on which the Agreement on Government Procurement, referred to in section 3511(d)(17) of this title, enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1995], see section 344(a) of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 2512 of this title.

**§ 2517. Availability of information to Members of Congress designated as official advisers**

The United States Trade Representative shall make available to the Members of Congress designated as official advisers pursuant to section 2211 of this title information compiled by the Committee on Government Procurement under article XIX(5) of the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 96-39, title III, §307, July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 240; 1979 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §1(b)(1), eff. Jan. 2, 1980, 44 F.R. 69273, 93 Stat. 1381; Pub. L. 103-465, title III, §342(e), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4953.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-465 substituted “article XIX(5)” for “part VI, paragraph 9.”

#### CHANGE OF NAME

“United States Trade Representative” substituted in text for “Special Representative for Trade Negotiations” pursuant to Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1979, §1(1)(b), 44 F.R. 69273, 93 Stat. 1381, eff. Jan. 2, 1980, as provided by section 1-107(a) of Ex. Ord. No. 12188, Jan. 2, 1980, 45 F.R. 993, set out as notes under section 2171 of this title. See, also, section 2171 of this title as amended by Pub. L. 97-456.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date on which the Agreement on Government Procurement, referred to in section 3511(d)(17) of this title, enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1995], see section 344(a) of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as a note under section 2512 of this title.

**§ 2518. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter—

#### (1) Agreement

The term “Agreement” means the Agreement on Government Procurement referred to

in section 3511(d)(17) of this title, as submitted to the Congress, but including rectifications, modifications, and amendments which are accepted by the United States.

**(2) Civil aircraft**

The term “civil aircraft and related articles” means—

(A) all aircraft other than aircraft to be purchased for use by the Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard;

(B) the engines (and parts and components for incorporation therein) of such aircraft;

(C) any other parts, components, and subassemblies for incorporation in such aircraft; and

(D) any ground flight simulators, and parts and components thereof, for use with respect to such aircraft,

whether to be purchased for use as original or replacement equipment in the manufacture, repair, maintenance, rebuilding, modification, or conversion of such aircraft, and without regard to whether such aircraft or articles receive duty-free treatment pursuant to section 601(a)(2).

**(3) Developed countries**

The term “developed countries” means countries so designated by the President.

**(4) Eligible product**

**(A) In general**

The term “eligible product” means, with respect to any foreign country or instrumentality that is—

(i) a party to the Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under the Agreement for procurement by the United States;

(ii) a party to the North American Free Trade Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under the North American Free Trade Agreement for procurement by the United States;

(iii) a party to a free trade agreement that entered into force with respect to the United States after December 31, 2003, and before January 2, 2005, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under the free trade agreement for procurement by the United States;

(iv) a party to the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under that Agreement for procurement by the United States;

(v) a party to a free trade agreement that entered into force with respect to the United States after December 31, 2005, and before July 2, 2006, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under the free trade agreement for procurement by the United States;

(vi) a party to the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under that Agreement for procurement by the United States;

(vii) a party to the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under that agreement for procurement by the United States;

(viii) a party to the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under that agreement for procurement by the United States;

(ix) a party to the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under that agreement for procurement by the United States; or

(x) a party to the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under that agreement for procurement by the United States.

**(B) Rule of origin**

An article is a product of a country or instrumentality only if (i) it is wholly the growth, product, or manufacture of that country or instrumentality, or (ii) in the case of an article which consists in whole or in part of materials from another country or instrumentality, it has been substantially transformed into a new and different article of commerce with a name, character, or use distinct from that of the article or articles from which it was so transformed.

**(C) Lowered threshold for certain products as a consequence of United States-Israel free trade area provisions**

The term “eligible product” includes a product or service of Israel for which the United States is obligated to waive Buy National restrictions under—

(i) the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Israel, regardless of the thresholds provided for in the Agreement (as defined in paragraph (1)), or

(ii) any subsequent agreement between the United States and Israel which lowers on a reciprocal basis the applicable threshold for entities covered by the Agreement.

**(D) Lowered threshold for certain products as a consequence of United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement**

Except as otherwise agreed by the United States and Canada under paragraph 3 of article 1304 of the United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement, the term “eligible product” includes a product or service of Canada having a contract value of \$25,000 or more that would be covered for procurement by the United States under the Agreement (as defined in paragraph (1)), but for the thresholds provided for in the Agreement.

**(5) Instrumentality**

The term “instrumentality” shall not be construed to include an agency or division of the government of a country, but may be construed to include such arrangements as the European Economic Community.

**(6) Least developed country**

The term “least developed country” means any country on the United Nations General Assembly list of least developed countries.

**(7) Major industrial country**

The term “major industrial country” means any such country as defined in section 2136 of this title and any instrumentality of such a country.

(Pub. L. 96-39, title III, §308, July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 241; Pub. L. 99-47, §7, June 11, 1985, 99 Stat. 84; Pub. L. 100-449, title III, §306, Sept. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 1876; Pub. L. 103-182, title III, §381(c), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2129; Pub. L. 103-465, title III, §342(f), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4953; Pub. L. 104-295, §20(c)(12), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3528; Pub. L. 108-286, title IV, §401, Aug. 3, 2004, 118 Stat. 950; Pub. L. 109-53, title IV, §401, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 495; Pub. L. 109-169, title IV, §401, Jan. 11, 2006, 119 Stat. 3599; Pub. L. 109-283, title IV, §401, Sept. 26, 2006, 120 Stat. 1209; Pub. L. 110-138, title IV, §401, Dec. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 1486; Pub. L. 112-41, title IV, §401, Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 459; Pub. L. 112-42, title IV, §401, Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 494; Pub. L. 112-43, title IV, §401, Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 529.)

## AMENDMENT OF SECTION

*For termination of amendment by section 107(c) of Pub. L. 112-43, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 107(c) of Pub. L. 112-42, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 107(c) of Pub. L. 112-41, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 107(c) of Pub. L. 110-138, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2007 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 107(c) of Pub. L. 109-283, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2006 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 106(c) of Pub. L. 109-169, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2006 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 107(d) of Pub. L. 109-53, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2005 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 106(c) of Pub. L. 108-286, see Effective and Termination Dates of 2004 Amendment note below.*

*For termination of amendment by section 501(c) of Pub. L. 100-449, see Effective and Termination Dates of 1988 Amendment note below.*

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 601(a)(2), referred to in par. (2), is section 601(a)(2) of Pub. L. 96-39 title VI, July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 267, which directed a duty rate of “Free” in the rate column numbered 1 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States for articles classified under specified items between 518.51 and 772.65 which the President determines would provide coverage comparable to that provided by foreign countries in the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft if such articles were certified for use in civil aircraft in accordance with headnote 3 to schedule 6, part 6, subpart C of the Tariff Schedules of the United States. The Tariff Schedules of the United States were replaced by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States,

which is not set out in the Code. See Publication of Harmonized Tariff Schedule note set out under section 1202 of the title.

## AMENDMENTS

2011—Par. (4)(A)(viii). Pub. L. 112-41, §§107(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (viii). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Amendment note below.

Par. (4)(A)(ix). Pub. L. 112-42, §§107(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (ix). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Amendment note below.

Par. (4)(A)(x). Pub. L. 112-43, §§107(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (x). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Amendment note below.

2007—Par. (4)(A)(vii). Pub. L. 110-138, §§107(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (vii). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2007 Amendment note below.

2006—Par. (4)(A)(v). Pub. L. 109-169, §§106(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (v). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2006 Amendment note below.

Par. (4)(A)(vi). Pub. L. 109-283, §§107(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (vi). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2006 Amendment note below.

2005—Par. (4)(A)(iv). Pub. L. 109-53, §§107(d), 401, temporarily added cl. (iv). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2005 Amendment note below.

2004—Par. (4)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 108-286, §§106(c), 401, temporarily added cl. (iii). See Effective and Termination Dates of 2004 Amendment note below.

1996—Par. (4)(D). Pub. L. 104-295 substituted “under the Agreement” for “under the the Agreement”.

1994—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-465, §342(f)(1), substituted “section 3511(d)(17) of this title” for “section 2503(c) of this title”.

Par. (4)(C). Pub. L. 103-465, §342(f)(2)(A), substituted “for which the United States is obligated to waive Buy National restrictions under—” and cls. (i) and (ii) for “having a contract value of \$50,000 or more which would be covered for procurement by the United States under the Agreement on Government Procurement as in effect on the date on which the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Israel enters into force, but for the SDR 150,000 threshold provided for in article I(1)(b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement.”

Par. (4)(D). Pub. L. 103-465, §342(f)(2)(B), substituted “the Agreement (as defined in paragraph (1)), but for the thresholds provided for in the Agreement.” for “GATT Agreement on Government Procurement, but for the SDR threshold provided for in article I(1)(b) of the GATT Agreement on Government Procurement.”

1993—Par. (4)(A). Pub. L. 103-182 amended subpar. (A) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (A) read as follows: “The term ‘eligible product’ means, with respect to any foreign country or instrumentality, a product or service of that country or instrumentality which is covered under the Agreement for procurement by the United States.”

1988—Par. (4)(D). Pub. L. 100-449 temporarily added subpar. (D). See Effective and Termination Dates of 1988 Amendment note below.

1985—Par. (4)(C). Pub. L. 99-47 added subpar. (C).

## EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2011 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-43 effective Oct. 21, 2011, applicable with respect to Panama on the date the United States–Panama Trade Promotion Agreement enters into force (Oct. 31, 2012), and to cease to be effective on the date the Agreement terminates, see section 107(b), (c) of Pub. L. 112-43, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-42 effective Oct. 21, 2011, applicable with respect to Colombia on the date the United States–Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement enters into force (May 15, 2012), and to cease to be effective on the date the Agreement terminates, see section 107(b), (c) of Pub. L. 112-42, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-41 effective Oct. 21, 2011, applicable with respect to Korea on the date the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement enters into force (Mar. 15, 2012), and to cease to be effective on the date the Agreement terminates, see section 107(b), (c) of Pub. L. 112-41, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2007  
AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-138 effective on the date the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement enters into force (Feb. 1, 2009) and to cease to be effective on the date the Agreement ceases to be in force, see section 107(a), (c) of Pub. L. 110-138, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2006  
AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-283 effective on the date on which the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement enters into force (Jan. 1, 2009) and to cease to be effective on the date on which the Agreement terminates, see section 107(a), (c) of Pub. L. 109-283, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-169 effective on the date on which the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement enters into force (Aug. 1, 2006) and to cease to be effective on the date on which the Agreement terminates, see section 106(a), (c) of Pub. L. 109-169, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2005  
AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-53 effective on the date the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement enters into force (Mar. 1, 2006) and to cease to have effect on date Agreement ceases to be in force with respect to the United States, and, during any period in which a country ceases to be a CFTA-DR country, to cease to have effect with respect to such country, see section 107 of Pub. L. 109-53, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates note under section 4001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2004  
AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-286 effective on the date on which the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement enters into force (Jan. 1, 2005) and to cease to be effective on the date on which the Agreement terminates, see section 106(a), (c) of Pub. L. 108-286, set out in a note under section 3805 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-465 effective on the date on which the Agreement on Government Procurement, referred to in section 3511(d)(17) of this title, enters into force with respect to the United States (Jan. 1, 1995), see section 344(a) of Pub. L. 103-465, set out as a note under section 2512 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-182 effective on the date the North American Free Trade Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States (Jan. 1, 1994), see section 381(e) of Pub. L. 103-182, set out as a note under section 2511 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 1988  
AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-449 effective on date United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement enters into force (Jan. 1, 1989), and to cease to have effect on date Agreement ceases to be in force, see section 501(a), (c) of Pub. L. 100-449, set out in a note under section 2112 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities

and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

SUBCHAPTER II—TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO  
TRADE (STANDARDS)

PART A—OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

§ 2531. **Certain standards-related activities**

(a) **No bar to engaging in standards activity**

Nothing in this subchapter may be construed—

(1) to prohibit a Federal agency from engaging in activity related to standards-related measures, including any such measure relating to safety, the protection of human, animal, or plant life or health, the environment, or consumers; or

(2) to limit the authority of a Federal agency to determine the level it considers appropriate of safety or of protection of human, animal, or plant life or health, the environment, or consumers.

(b) **Unnecessary obstacles**

Nothing in this subchapter may be construed as prohibiting any private person, Federal agency, or State agency from engaging in standards-related activities that do not create unnecessary obstacles to the foreign commerce of the United States. No standards-related activity of any private person, Federal agency, or State agency shall be deemed to constitute an unnecessary obstacle to the foreign commerce of the United States if the demonstrable purpose of the standards-related activity is to achieve a legitimate domestic objective including, but not limited to, the protection of legitimate health or safety, essential security, environmental, or consumer interests and if such activity does not operate to exclude imported products which fully meet the objectives of such activity.

(Pub. L. 96-39, title IV, § 401, July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 242; Pub. L. 103-465, title III, § 351(b), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4955.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-465 added subsec. (a), designated existing provisions as subsec. (b), and inserted subsec. (b) heading.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-465, title III, § 352, Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4957, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle F (§§ 351, 352) of title III of Pub. L. 103-465, amending this section and sections 2532, 2544, 2571, and 2573 of this title and repealing provisions set out below] and the amendments made by this subtitle take effect on the date on which the WTO Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States [Jan. 1, 1995].”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 96-39, title IV, § 454, July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 250, which provided that this subchapter was to take effect on Jan. 1, 1980, if the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade entered into force with respect to the United States by that date, was repealed by Pub. L. 103-465, title III, § 351(g), Dec. 8, 1994, 108 Stat. 4957.

§ 2532. **Federal standards-related activities**

No Federal agency may engage in any standards-related activity that creates unnecessary