

SUBPART II—INSPECTION OF VESSELS

§ 3821. Vessels subject to inspection

With the exception of private vessels merely transiting the Panama Canal, and of public vessels of all nations, vessels navigating the waters of the Panama Canal shall be subject to an annual inspection of hulls, boilers, machinery, equipment, and passenger accommodations.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1811, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 492.)

§ 3822. Foreign vessels

With respect to a foreign vessel of a country which has inspection laws approximating those of the United States, any such vessel having an unexpired certificate of inspection duly issued by the authorities of such country shall not be subject to an inspection other than that necessary to determine whether the vessel, its boilers, and its lifesaving equipment are as stated in the certificate of inspection. A certificate of inspection may not be accepted as evidence of lawful inspection under this section unless similar privileges are granted to vessels of the United States under the laws of the country to which the vessel belongs.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1812, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 493.)

§ 3823. Regulations governing inspection

The Commission shall prescribe, and from time to time may amend, regulations concerning the inspection of vessels conforming as nearly as practicable to the laws and regulations governing marine inspection by the United States Coast Guard.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1813, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 493.)

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—TREATY TRANSITION PERIOD

PART 1—LAWS CONTINUED IN FORCE

§ 3831. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, § 3546(a)(4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2868

Section, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2101, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 493, related to continuation in force of Canal Zone Code and other laws, regulations, and administrative authority of the United States for purpose of exercise of law enforcement and judicial jurisdiction during transition period.

PART 2—COURTS

§§ 3841 to 3844. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, § 3546(a)(4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2868

Section 3841, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2201, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 493, related to continuing jurisdiction dur-

ing transition period of United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone and magistrates' courts under the Canal Zone Code.

Section 3842, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2202, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 494, related to division and terms of United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone.

Section 3843, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2203(a), Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 494, related to extension of terms of office of district judge, magistrate, United States attorney, and United States marshal.

Section 3844, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2206, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 494, related to continuing operation during transition period of two magistrates' courts established under Canal Zone Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2203(b), Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 494, provided that section 3843 of this title was to take effect on Sept. 27, 1979, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, § 3546(a)(4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2868.

PART 3—TRANSITION AUTHORITY

§§ 3851, 3852. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, § 3546(a)(4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2868

Section 3851, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2401, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 495, related to vesting of authority in the President during transition period.

Section 3852, Pub. L. 96-70, title II, §2402, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 495, related to commitment of prisoners to custody of Attorney General or Commission.

SUBCHAPTER III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

PART 1—PROCUREMENT

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part 1, consisting of section 3861, related to cemeteries, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, § 3546(a)(5), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2868.

§ 3861. Procurement system**(a) Panama Canal Acquisition Regulation**

(1) The Commission shall establish by regulation a comprehensive procurement system. The regulation shall be known as the "Panama Canal Acquisition Regulation" (in this section referred to as the "Regulation") and shall provide for the procurement of goods and services by the Commission in a manner that—

(A) applies the fundamental operating principles and procedures in the Federal Acquisition Regulation;

(B) uses efficient commercial standards of practice; and

(C) is suitable for adoption and uninterrupted use by the Republic of Panama after the Canal Transfer Date.

(2) The Regulation shall contain provisions regarding the establishment of the Panama Canal Board of Contract Appeals described in section 3862 of this title.

(b) Supplement to Regulation

The Commission shall develop a Supplement to the Regulation (in this section referred to as the "Supplement") that identifies both the provisions of Federal law applicable to procurement of goods and services by the Commission and the provisions of Federal law waived by the Commission under subsection (c).

(c) Waiver authority

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Commission shall determine which provisions of Federal law should not apply to procurement by the Commission and may waive those laws for purposes of the Regulation and Supplement.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the Commission may not waive—

(A) chapter 21 of title 41;

(B) chapter 71 of title 41, other than section 7104(b) of title 41; or

(C) civil rights, environmental, or labor laws.

(d) Consultation with Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy

In establishing the Regulation and developing the Supplement, the Commission shall consult with the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

(e) Effective date

The Regulation and the Supplement shall take effect on the date of publication in the Federal Register, or January 1, 1999, whichever is earlier.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title III, §3101, as added Pub. L. 105-85, div. C, title XXXV, §3541, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2070.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (c)(2)(A), “chapter 21 of title 41” substituted for “section 27 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 423)” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

In subsec. (c)(2)(B), “chapter 71 of title 41, other than section 7104(b) of title 41” substituted for “the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), other than section 10(a) of such Act (41 U.S.C. 609(a))” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3861, Pub. L. 96-70, title III, §3101, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 496, related to disinterment, transportation, and reinterment of remains, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, §3546(a)(5), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2868.

§ 3862. Panama Canal Board of Contract Appeals**(a) Establishment**

(1) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commission, may establish a board of contract appeals, to be known as the Panama Canal Board of Contract Appeals, in accordance with sections 7105(a), (c) to (e), (g), 7106(a), and 7107(a) of title 41. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Panama Canal Board of Contract Appeals (in this section referred to as the “Board”) shall be subject to chapter 71 of title 41 in the same manner as any other agency board of contract appeals established under that chapter.

(2) The Board shall consist of three members. At least one member of the Board shall be licensed to practice law in the Republic of Panama. Individuals appointed to the Board shall take an oath of office, the form of which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(3) Compensation for members of the Board of Contract Appeals shall be established by the

Commission’s supervisory board. The annual compensation established for members may not exceed the rate of basic pay established for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5. The compensation of a member may not be reduced during the member’s term of office from the level established at the time of the appointment of the member.

(b) Exclusive jurisdiction to decide appeals

Notwithstanding section 7104(b)(1) of title 41 or any other provision of law, the Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction to decide an appeal from a decision of a contracting officer under section 7105(e) of title 41.

(c) Exclusive jurisdiction to decide protests

The Board shall decide protests submitted to it under this subsection by interested parties in accordance with subchapter V¹ of title 31. Notwithstanding section 3556 of that title, section 1491(b) of title 28, and any other provision of law, the Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction to decide such protests. For purposes of this subsection—

(1) except as provided in paragraph (2), each reference to the Comptroller General in sections 3551 through 3555 of title 31, is deemed to be a reference to the Board;

(2) the reference to the Comptroller General in section 3553(d)(3)(C)(ii) of such title is deemed to be a reference to both the Board and the Comptroller General;

(3) the report required by paragraph (1) of section 3554(e) of such title shall be submitted to the Comptroller General as well as the committees listed in such paragraph;

(4) the report required by paragraph (2) of such section shall be submitted to the Comptroller General as well as Congress; and

(5) section 3556 of such title shall not apply to the Board, but nothing in this subsection shall affect the right of an interested party to file a protest with the appropriate contracting officer.

(d) Procedures

The Board shall prescribe such procedures as may be necessary for the expeditious decision of appeals and protests under subsections (b) and (c).

(e) Commencement

The Board shall begin to function as soon as it has been established and has prescribed procedures under subsection (d).

(f) Transition

The Board shall have jurisdiction under subsections (b) and (c) over any appeals and protests filed on or after the date on which the Board begins to function. Any appeals and protests filed before such date shall remain before the forum in which they were filed.

(g) Other functions

The Board may perform functions similar to those described in this section for such other matters or activities of the Commission as the Commission may determine and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commission.

¹So in original. Probably should be “subchapter V of chapter 35”.