

FEDERAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS WITHOUT  
EFFECT ON CHAPTER

Authority and responsibilities under chapter not limited or repealed by Federal Records Management Amendments of 1976, see section 5(b) of Pub. L. 94-575, set out as a note under section 2901 of this title.

**§ 1901. Definition of Government publication**

“Government publication” as used in this chapter, means informational matter which is published as an individual document at Government expense, or as required by law.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §81a (Pub. L. 87-579, §1, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 352).

**§ 1902. Availability of Government publications through Superintendent of Documents; lists of publications not ordered from Government Publishing Office**

Government publications, except those determined by their issuing components to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value and publications classified for reasons of national security, shall be made available to depository libraries through the facilities of the Superintendent of Documents for public information. Each component of the Government shall furnish the Superintendent of Documents a list of such publications it issued during the previous month, that were obtained from sources other than the Government Publishing Office.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283; Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §81b (Pub. L. 87-579, §1, Aug. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 352).

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in section catchline and text on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.

**§ 1903. Distribution of publications to depositories; notice to Government components; cost of printing and binding**

Upon request of the Superintendent of Documents, components of the Government ordering the printing of publications shall either increase or decrease the number of copies of publications furnished for distribution to designated depository libraries and State libraries so that the number of copies delivered to the Superintendent of Documents is equal to the number of libraries on the list. The number thus delivered may not be restricted by any statutory limitation in force on August 9, 1962. Copies of publications furnished the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to designated depository libraries shall include—

the journals of the Senate and House of Representatives;

all publications, not confidential in character, printed upon the requisition of a congressional committee;

Senate and House public bills and resolutions; and

reports on private bills, concurrent or simple resolutions;

but not so-called cooperative publications which must necessarily be sold in order to be self-sustaining.

The Superintendent of Documents shall currently inform the components of the Government ordering printing of publications as to the number of copies of their publications required for distribution to depository libraries. The cost of printing and binding those publications distributed to depository libraries obtained elsewhere than from the Government Publishing Office, shall be borne by components of the Government responsible for their issuance; those requisitioned from the Government Publishing Office shall be charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1283; Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, §1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §85 (part) (Mar. 1, 1907, ch. 2284, §4, 34 Stat. 1014; June 25, 1938, ch. 708, 52 Stat. 1206; Aug. 9, 1962, Pub. L. 87-579, §5, 76 Stat. 354).

The last paragraph of former section 85 will be found in section 1906 of the revision.

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in second par. on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.

**§ 1904. Classified list of Government publications for selection by depositories**

The Superintendent of Documents shall currently issue a classified list of Government publications in suitable form, containing annotations of contents and listed by item identification numbers to facilitate the selection of only those publications needed by depository libraries. The selected publications shall be distributed to depository libraries in accordance with regulations of the Superintendent of Documents, as long as they fulfill the conditions provided by law.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1284.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964, ed. §83 (R.S. §502; Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §§53, 61, 28 Stat. 608, 610; Aug. 9, 1962, Pub. L. 87-579, §3, 76 Stat. 353).

**§ 1905. Distribution to depositories; designation of additional libraries; justification; authorization for certain designations**

The Government publications selected from lists prepared by the Superintendent of Documents, and when requested from him, shall be distributed to depository libraries specifically designated by law and to libraries designated by Senators, Representatives, and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, by the Commissioner of the District of Columbia,<sup>1</sup> and by

<sup>1</sup> See Transfer of Functions note below.