## **CHAPTER 97—MISCELLANEOUS**

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#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114–22, title I, \$105(c)(2)(B), May 29, 2015, 129 Stat. 238, amended analysis generally, substituting items 9701 to 9705 for former items 9701 to 9704, which included two items 9703.

1993—Pub. L. 103-62, §11(b)(2), Aug. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 295, added item 9703 relating to managerial accountability and flexibility and item 9704.

1992—Pub. L. 102–393, title VI, 638(b)(2), Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1788, added item 9703.

# § 9701. Fees and charges for Government services and things of value

(a) It is the sense of Congress that each service or thing of value provided by an agency (except a mixed-ownership Government corporation) to a person (except a person on official business of the United States Government) is to be self-sustaining to the extent possible.

(b) The head of each agency (except a mixed-ownership Government corporation) may prescribe regulations establishing the charge for a service or thing of value provided by the agency. Regulations prescribed by the heads of executive agencies are subject to policies prescribed by the President and shall be as uniform as practicable. Each charge shall be—

- (1) fair; and
- (2) based on—
  - (A) the costs to the Government;
- (B) the value of the service or thing to the recipient;
  - (C) public policy or interest served; and
  - (D) other relevant facts.
- (c) This section does not affect a law of the United States—  $\,$ 
  - (1) prohibiting the determination and collection of charges and the disposition of those charges; and
  - (2) prescribing bases for determining charges, but a charge may be redetermined under this section consistent with the prescribed bases.

(Pub. L. 97–258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1051.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9701	31:483a.	Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 376, §501, 65 Stat. 290.

In the section, the words "agency (except a mixed-ownership Government corporation)" are substituted for "Federal agency (including wholly owned Government corporations as defined in the Government Corporation Control Act of 1945 [31 U.S.C. 841 et seq.]" because of section 101 of the revised title and for consistency

In subsection (a), the words "each service or thing of value provided" are substituted for "any work, service, publication, report, document, benefit, privilege, authority, use, franchise, license, permit, certificate, registration or similar thing of value or utility performed,

furnished, provided, granted, prepared, or issued" for consistency and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words "(including groups, associations, organizations, partnerships, corporations, or businesses)" are omitted as being included in "person" under 1:1.

In subsection (b), before clause (1), the words "may prescribe regulations establishing the charge for a service or thing of value provided by the agency" are substituted for "is authorized by regulation . . . to prescribe therefor such fee, charge, or price, if any, as he shall determine, in case none exists, or redetermine, in case of any existing one" for consistency, to eliminate unnecessary words, and because of the restatement. In clause (1), the words "and equitable" are omitted as being included in "fair". In clause (2)(A), the words "direct and indirect" are omitted as surplus. In clause (2)(B), the words "of the service or thing" are added for clarity. In clause (2)(D), the words "and any amount so determined or redetermined shall be collected and paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts" are omitted as unnecessary because of section 3302(a) of this title.

Subsection (c) is substituted for 31:483a(provisos) for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

## SHORT TITLE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102–393, title VI, §638(a), Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1779, provided that: "This section [enacting section 9703 of this title and amending sections 981 and 982 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, section 1509 of Title 21, Food and Drugs, section 524 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and section 2003 of Title 39, Postal Service] may be cited as the 'Treasury Forfeiture Fund Act of 1992'."

#### § 9702. Investment of trust funds

Except as required by a treaty of the United States, amounts held in trust by the United States Government (including annual interest earned on the amounts)—

- (1) shall be invested in Government obligations; and
- (2) shall earn interest at an annual rate of at least 5 percent.

(Pub. L. 97–258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1052.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large) R.S. § 3659.
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The section is substituted for 31:547a for clarity and consistency in the revised title.

## § 9703. Managerial accountability and flexibility

(a) Beginning with fiscal year 1999, the performance plans required under section 1115 may include proposals to waive administrative procedural requirements and controls, including specification of personnel staffing levels, limitations on compensation or remuneration, and prohibitions or restrictions on funding transfers among budget object classification 20 and subclassifications 11, 12, 31, and 32 of each annual budget submitted under section 1105, in return for specific individual or organization accountability to achieve a performance goal. In preparing and submitting the performance plan under section 1105(a)(29), the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall review and may approve any proposed waivers. A waiver shall take effect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.