

(b) COVERED VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT.—The authority under this section applies—

(1) in the case of a decommissioned vessel that—

(A) is owned and maintained by the Navy, is located at a Navy facility, and is not in active use; and

(B) is being transferred to an entity designated by the Secretary of the Navy or by law to receive transfer of the vessel; and

(2) in the case of any shipboard equipment that—

(A) is on a vessel described in paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) is being transferred to an entity designated by the Secretary of the Navy or by law to receive transfer of the equipment.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary may require a recipient of assistance under subsection (a) to reimburse the Navy for amounts expended by the Navy in providing the assistance.

(d) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS RECEIVED.—Funds received in a fiscal year under subsection (c) shall be credited to the appropriation available for such fiscal year for operation and maintenance for the office of the Navy managing inactive ships, shall be merged with other sums in the appropriation that are available for such office, and shall be available for the same purposes and period as the sums with which merged.

(Added Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, §1015(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1591.)

**§ 7317. Status of Government rights in the designs of vessels, boats, and craft, and components thereof**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Government rights in the design of a vessel, boat, or craft, and its components, including the hull, decks, superstructure, and all shipboard equipment and systems, shall be determined solely as follows:

(1) In the case of a vessel, boat, craft, or component procured through a contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 2320 of this title.

(2) In the case of a vessel, boat, craft, or component procured through an instrument not governed by section 2320 of this title, by the terms of the instrument (other than a contract) under which the design for such vessel, boat, craft, or component, as applicable, was developed for the Government.

(b) CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERSEDING AUTHORITIES.—This section may be modified or superseded by a provision of statute only if such provision expressly refers to this section in modifying or superseding this section.

(Added Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VIII, §825(a), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4534.)

**§ 7318. Warranty requirements for shipbuilding contracts**

(a) REQUIREMENT.—A contracting officer for a contract for new construction for which funds are expended from the Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy account shall require, as a condition of the contract, that the work performed under the contract is covered by a warranty for a period of at least one year.

(b) WAIVER.—If the contracting officer for a contract covered by the requirement under subsection (a) determines that a limited liability of warranted work is in the best interest of the Government, the contracting officer may agree to limit the liability of the work performed under the contract to a level that the contracting officer determines is sufficient to protect the interests of the Government and in keeping with historical levels of warranted work on similar vessels.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title X, §1022(a)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2388.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title X, §1022(b), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2388, provided that: “Section 7318 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on the later of the following dates:

“(1) The date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2018 [Pub. L. 115-91, approved Dec. 12, 2017].

“(2) September 30, 2017.”

**§ 7319. Requirements for availability of funds relating to advanced naval nuclear fuel systems based on low-enriched uranium**

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Low-enriched uranium activities may only be carried out using funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Energy for atomic energy defense activities for defense nuclear nonproliferation.

(b) PROHIBITION REGARDING CERTAIN ACCOUNTS.—(1) None of the funds described in paragraph (2) may be obligated or expended to carry out low-enriched uranium activities.

(2) The funds described in this paragraph are funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for any of the following accounts:

(A) Shipbuilding and conversion, Navy, or any other account of the Department of Defense.

(B) Any account within the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy other than defense nuclear nonproliferation, as specified in subsection (a).

(3) The prohibition in paragraph (1) may not be superseded except by a provision of law that specifically supersedes, repeals, or modifies this section. A provision of law, including a table incorporated into an Act, that appropriates funds described in paragraph (2) for low-enriched uranium activities may not be treated as specifically superseding this section unless such provision specifically cites to this section.

(c) LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM ACTIVITIES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “low-enriched uranium activities” means the following:

(1) Planning or carrying out research and development of an advanced naval nuclear fuel system based on low-enriched uranium.

(2) Procuring ships that use low-enriched uranium in naval nuclear propulsion reactors.

(Added Pub. L. 115-91, div. C, title XXXI, §3115(b)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1886.)

**[CHAPTER 635—REPEALED]****[[§§ 7341 to 7345. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(a)(9), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1708]**

Section 7341, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 453, related to authorized number of naval airplanes and lighter-than-air crafts.

Section 7342, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 454, related to percentage of naval aircraft required to be constructed or manufactured in United States plants.

Section 7343, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 454, related to manufacture of naval aircraft at plants owned by United States under certain circumstances.

Section 7344, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 454, related to suspension of naval aircraft construction in case of treaty for limitation of naval armament.

Section 7345, added Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title I, § 153(a)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1387, related to submission of annual reports to Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of Senate and House of Representatives addressing aircraft requirements of the Navy.

**CHAPTER 637—SALVAGE FACILITIES**

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1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 424, amended analysis generally, adding items 7361 to 7364 and striking out former items 7361 “Naval salvage facilities: contracts for commercial facilities”, 7362 “Commercial use of naval facilities”, 7363 “Transfer of equipment: contract provisions”, 7365 “Settlement of claims”, and 7367 “Disposition of receipts”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-355, title II, § 2001(j)(3)(B), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3303, struck out item 7364 “Advancement of funds for salvage operations”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 828(a)(8), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1713, struck out item 7366 “Limitation on appropriations”.

**§ 7361. Authority to provide for necessary salvage facilities**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may provide, by contract or otherwise, necessary salvage facilities for public and private vessels.

(b) **COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**—The Secretary shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security for comment each proposed contract for salvage facilities that affects the interests of the Department of Homeland Security.

(c) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary of the Navy may enter into a term contract under subsection (a) only if the Secretary determines that available commercial salvage facilities are inadequate to meet the requirements of national defense.

(d) **PUBLIC NOTICE.**—The Secretary may not enter into a contract under subsection (a) until the Secretary has provided public notice of the intent to enter into such a contract.

(e) **SALVAGE FACILITIES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “salvage facilities” includes equipment and gear utilized to prevent, abate, or minimize damage to the environment.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 424; amended Pub. L. 107-296, title XVII, § 1704(b)(1), (6), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2314; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title III, § 315(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1431.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7361, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 455; Aug. 6, 1981, Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(3)(D), 95 Stat. 154, authorized Secretary of the Navy to provide for necessary salvage facilities for public and private vessels, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-106.

**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 108-136 added subsec. (e).  
2002—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “of Homeland Security” for “of Transportation” in heading and in two places in text.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 7362. Acquisition and transfer of vessels and equipment**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may acquire or transfer for operation by private salvage companies such vessels and equipment as the Secretary considers necessary.

(b) **AGREEMENT ON USE.**—Before any salvage vessel or salvage gear is transferred by the Secretary to a private party, the private party must agree in writing with the Secretary that the vessel or gear will be used to support organized offshore salvage facilities for a period of as many years as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) **REFERENCE TO AUTHORITY TO ADVANCE FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE SALVAGE OPERATIONS.**—For authority for the Secretary of the Navy to advance to private salvage companies such funds as the Secretary considers necessary to provide for the immediate financing of salvage operations, see section 2307(g)(2) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 424.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7362, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 455, related to commercial use of naval facilities, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 104-106.

**§ 7363. Settlement of claims**

(a) **AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CLAIM.**—The Secretary of the Navy may settle any claim by the United States for salvage services rendered by the Department of the Navy and may receive payment of any such claim.

(b) **SALVAGE SERVICES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “salvage services” includes services performed in connection with a marine salvage operation that are intended to prevent, abate, or minimize damage to the environment.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 425; amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title III, § 315(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1431.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 7363, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 455, related to contract provisions for transfer of