

**[CHAPTER 635—REPEALED]****[[§§ 7341 to 7345. Repealed.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.

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**AMENDMENTS**

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 off-shore 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