

**§ 1644g. Claims Fund; establishment; deductions**

(a) The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to establish in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be designated the Claims Fund as defined under section 1644a(5) of this title for the payment of unsatisfied claims of nationals of the United States against the German Democratic Republic as authorized in this subchapter.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall deduct from any amounts covered into the Claims Fund, an amount equal to 5 per centum thereof as reimbursement to the Government of the United States for expenses incurred by the Commission and by the Treasury Department in the administration of this subchapter. The amounts so deducted shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 607, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2511.)

**§ 1644h. Certification of amounts; priority of payments**

(a) The Commission shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury, in terms of United States currency, each award made pursuant to section 1644b of this title.

(b) Upon certification of such award, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, out of the sums covered into the Claims Fund, to make payments on account of such awards as follows, and in the following order of priority:

(1) payment in full of the principal amount of each award of \$1,000 or less;

(2) payment in the amount of \$1,000 on account of the principal amount of each award of more than \$1,000 in principal amount;

(3) thereafter, payments from time to time, in ratable proportions, on account of the unpaid balance of the principal amounts of all awards according to the proportions which the unpaid balance of such awards bear to the total amount in the fund available for distribution at the time such payments are made;

(4) after payment has been made in full of the principal amounts of all awards, pro rata payments may be made on account of any interest that may be allowed on such awards;

(5) payments or applications for payments shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 608, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2511.)

**§ 1644i. Time limitation on completion of affairs of Commission**

The Commission shall complete its affairs in connection with the settlement of claims pursuant to this subchapter not later than three years following the final date for the filing of claims as provided in section 1644b of this title.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 609, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644j. Transfer of records**

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to transfer or otherwise make available

to the Commission such records and documents relating to claims authorized by this subchapter as may be required by the Commission in carrying out its functions under this subchapter.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 610, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644k. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to enable the Commission and the Treasury Department of<sup>1</sup> pay their respective administrative expenses incurred in carrying out their functions under this subchapter.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 611, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644l. Fees for services; limitation; penalty**

No remuneration on account of services rendered on behalf of any claimant, in connection with any claim filed with the Commission under this subchapter, shall exceed 10 per centum of the total amount paid pursuant to any award certified under the provisions of this subchapter on account of such claims. Any agreement to the contrary shall be unlawful and void. Whoever, in the United States or elsewhere demands or receives, on account of services so rendered, any remuneration in excess of the maximum permitted by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twelve months, or both.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 612, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644m. Applicability of administrative provisions of subchapter I**

To the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subchapter, the following provisions of subchapter I of this chapter shall be applicable to this subchapter: subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), and (j) of section 1623 of this title; subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of section 1626 of this title.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 613, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

SUBCHAPTER VII—CLAIMS AGAINST  
VIETNAM

**§ 1645. Congressional declaration of purpose**

It is the purpose of this subchapter to provide for the determination of the validity and amounts of outstanding claims against Vietnam which arose out of the nationalization, expropriation, or other taking of (or special measures directed against) property of nationals of the United States. This subchapter shall not be construed as authorizing or as any intention to authorize an appropriation by the United States for the purpose of paying such claims.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 96-606, Dec. 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 3534.)

**§ 1645a. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter—

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "to".