

1982—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-339 inserted “and of all aspects of antisatellite activities”.

1977—Pub. L. 95-108 struck out “United States” before “private” in cl. (2) of opening par.

1963—Pub. L. 88-186 inserted “United States” before “private” in cl. (2) of opening par.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

#### REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS

Pub. L. 92-352, title III, §302, July 13, 1972, 86 Stat. 495, directed Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, with cooperation of other agencies, to prepare a comprehensive report on international transfer of conventional arms and submit this report no later than one year after July 13, 1972, with an interim report submitted no later than six months after July 13, 1972.

### § 2572. Patents; availability to general public; protection of background rights

All research within the United States contracted for, sponsored, cosponsored, or authorized under authority of this chapter, shall be provided for in such manner that all information as to uses, products, processes, patents, and other developments resulting from such research developed by Government expenditure will (with such exceptions and limitations, if any, as the Secretary of State may find to be necessary in the public interest) be available to the general public. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive the owner of any background patent relating thereto of such rights as he may have thereunder.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §302, formerly §32, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; renumbered §302 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(7), (21), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(7), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director” and “section” for “subsection”.

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### § 2573. Policy formulation

#### (a) Formulation

The Secretary of State shall prepare for the President, and the heads of such other Government agencies as the President may determine, recommendations and advice concerning United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy.

#### (b) Prohibition

No action shall be taken pursuant to this chapter or any other Act that would obligate the United States to reduce or limit the Armed Forces or armaments of the United States in a militarily significant manner, except pursuant to the treaty-making power of the President set forth in Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution or unless authorized by the enact-

ment of further affirmative legislation by the Congress of the United States.

#### (c) Statutory construction

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any policy or action by any Government agency which would interfere with, restrict, or prohibit the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense, sport, recreation, education, or training.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §303, formerly §33, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; Pub. L. 88-186, §3, Nov. 26, 1963, 77 Stat. 342; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, §709, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 494; renumbered §303 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(8), (21), subdiv. B, title XXVI, §2602, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772, 2681-839.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c), was in the original “this chapter” and was translated as reading “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-297, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 631, known as the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, which is classified generally to this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(8), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director” and struck out “the Secretary of State,” after “the President.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, §2602, added subsec. (c).

1994—Pub. L. 103-236 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The Director is authorized and directed to prepare for the President, the Secretary of State, and the heads of such other Government agencies, as the President may determine, recommendations concerning United States arms control and disarmament policy: *Provided, however,* That no action shall be taken under this chapter or any other law that will obligate the United States to disarm or to reduce or to limit the Armed Forces or armaments of the United States, except pursuant to the treaty making power of the President under the Constitution or unless authorized by further affirmative legislation by the Congress of the United States. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any policy or action by any Government agency which would interfere with, restrict, or prohibit the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense, sport, recreation, education, or training.”

1963—Pub. L. 88-186 inserted provision precluding construction of this chapter to authorize the regulation of the possession of firearms by an individual.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1223(8), (21) of Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

### § 2574. Negotiation management

#### (a) Responsibilities

The Secretary of State, under the direction of the President, shall have primary responsibility for the preparation, conduct, and management of United States participation in all international negotiations and implementation fora in the field of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament. In furtherance of these responsibilities, Special Representatives of the President appointed pursuant to section 2567 of this title, shall, as directed by the President,