

(B) Sections 8514a and 8514b of this title, as added by subtitle A of title IV.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 601, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1263.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 312, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is section 312 of Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1249. Subsec. (a) of section 312 is not classified to the Code. Subsecs. (b) and (c) of section 312 amended section 8513 of this title. Subsec. (d) of section 312 enacted provisions set out as a note under section 8513 of this title.

Section 8513b of this title, as added by section 312, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), was in the original “section 104A of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, as added by section 312” and was translated as meaning section 104A of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, as added by section 216(a) of Pub. L. 112–158, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For classification of section 312 of Pub. L. 112–158, see above.

Sections 8514a and 8514b of this title, as added by subtitle A of title IV, referred to in subsecs. (a)(3) and (b)(2)(B), are sections 8514a and 8514b of this title, as added by subtitle A (§§ 401–403) of title IV of Pub. L. 112–158.

### § 8782. Applicability to certain intelligence activities

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall apply to the authorized intelligence activities of the United States.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 602, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1264.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

### § 8783. Applicability to certain natural gas projects

#### (a) Exception for certain natural gas projects

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall apply to any activity relating to a project—

(1) for the development of natural gas and the construction and operation of a pipeline to transport natural gas from Azerbaijan to Turkey and Europe;

(2) that provides to Turkey and countries in Europe energy security and energy independence from the Government of the Russian Federation and other governments with jurisdiction over persons subject to sanctions imposed under this Act or amendments made by this Act; and

(3) that was initiated before August 10, 2012, pursuant to a production-sharing agreement, or an ancillary agreement necessary to further a production-sharing agreement, entered into with, or a license granted by, the government of a country other than Iran before August 10, 2012.

#### (b) Termination of exception

##### (1) In general

The exception under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a project described in

that subsection on or after the date on which the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(A) the percentage of the equity interest in the project held by or on behalf of an entity described in paragraph (2) has increased relative to the percentage of the equity interest in the project held by or on behalf of such an entity on January 1, 2002; or

(B) an entity described in paragraph (2) has assumed an operational role in the project.

#### (2) Entity described

An entity described in this paragraph is—

(A) an entity—

(i) owned or controlled by the Government of Iran or identified under section 560.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to the definition of the Government of Iran); or

(ii) organized under the laws of Iran or with the participation or approval of the Government of Iran;

(B) an entity owned or controlled by an entity described in subparagraph (A); or

(C) a successor entity to an entity described in subparagraph (A).

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 603, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1264.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

### § 8784. Rule of construction with respect to use of force against Iran and Syria

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of force against Iran or Syria.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 604, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

#### RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SPECIFIC ACTS

Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title XII, § 1235, Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1059, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title XII, § 1279, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3593, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title XII, § 1252, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 926, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Syria or Iran.”

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title XII, § 1234, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2004, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”