

§ 6505. Exclusions

(a) **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE OPEN MARKET.**—This chapter does not apply to the purchase of materials, supplies, articles, or equipment that may usually be bought in the open market.

(b) **PERISHABLES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.**—This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Perishables, including dairy, livestock and nursery products.
- (2) Agricultural or farm products processed for first sale by the original producers.
- (3) Contracts made by the Secretary of Agriculture for the purchase of agricultural commodities or products of agricultural commodities.

(c) **CARRIAGE OF FREIGHT OR PERSONNEL.**—This chapter may not be construed to apply to—

- (1) the carriage of freight or personnel by vessel, airplane, bus, truck, express, or railway line where published tariff rates are in effect; or
- (2) common carriers subject to the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.).

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6505	41:43.	June 30, 1936, ch. 881, § 9, 49 Stat. 2039.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Communications Act of 1934, referred to in subsec. (c)(2), is act June 19, 1934, ch. 652, 48 Stat. 1064, which is classified principally to chapter 5 (§151 et seq.) of Title 47, Telecommunications. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 609 of Title 47 and Tables.

§ 6506. Administrative provisions

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall administer this chapter.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary may make, amend, and rescind regulations as necessary to carry out this chapter.

(c) **USE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**—The Secretary shall use Federal officers and employees and, with a State’s consent, State and local officers and employees as the Secretary finds necessary to assist in the administration of this chapter.

(d) **APPOINTMENTS.**—The Secretary shall appoint an administrative officer and attorneys, experts, and other employees from time to time as the Secretary finds necessary for the administration of this chapter. The appointments are subject to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5 and other law applicable to the employment and compensation of officers and employees of the Federal Government.

(e) **INVESTIGATIONS.**—The Secretary, or an authorized representative of the Secretary, may make investigations and findings as provided in this chapter and may, in any part of the United States, prosecute an inquiry necessary to carry out this chapter.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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In subsection (b), the word “rules” is omitted as included in “regulations”.

In subsection (c), the words “and to prescribe rules and regulations with respect thereto” are omitted as unnecessary because of subsection (b).

In subsection (d), the words “without regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws”, which appear in section 4 of the Walsh-Healey Act (June 30, 1936, ch. 881, 49 Stat. 2038), are omitted as obsolete because of Executive Order 8743, April 23, 1941 (5 U.S.C. 3301 note), issued by the President pursuant to the Act of November 26, 1940, ch. 919, title I, §1, 54 Stat. 1211. The words “the Classification Act of 1923”, which appear in section 4 of the Walsh-Healey Act (June 30, 1936, ch. 881, 49 Stat. 2038), are considered to be a reference to the Classification Act of 1949 because of section 1106(a) of the Classification Act of 1949 (Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, 63 Stat. 972). The words “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” are substituted for the reference to the Classification Act of 1949 because of section 7(b) of Public Law 89–554 (5 U.S.C. note prec. 101).

§ 6507. Hearing authority and procedures

(a) **RECORD AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS.**—A wage determination under section 6502(1) of this title shall be made on the record after opportunity for a hearing.

(b) **AUTHORITY TO HOLD HEARINGS.**—The Secretary or an impartial representative designated by the Secretary may hold hearings when there is a complaint of breach or violation of a representation or stipulation included in a contract under section 6502 of this title. The Secretary may initiate hearings on the Secretary’s own motion or on the application of a person affected by the ruling of an agency of the United States relating to a proposal or contract under this chapter.

(c) **ORDERS TO COMPEL TESTIMONY.**—The Secretary or an impartial representative designated by the Secretary may issue orders requiring witnesses to attend hearings held under this section and to produce evidence and testify under oath. Witnesses shall be paid fees and mileage at the same rates as witnesses in courts of the United States.

(d) **ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.**—If a person refuses or fails to obey an order issued under subsection (c), the Secretary or an impartial representative designated by the Secretary may bring an action to enforce the order in a district court of the United States or in the district court of a territory or possession of the United States. A court has jurisdiction to enforce the order if the inquiry is being carried out within the court’s judicial district or if the person is found or resides or transacts business within the court’s judicial district. The court may issue an order requiring the person to obey the order issued under subsection (c), and the court may punish any further refusal or failure as contempt of court.

(e) **FINDINGS OF FACT.**—After notice and a hearing, the Secretary or an impartial representative designated by the Secretary shall make findings of fact. The findings are conclusive for agencies of the United States. If sup-