

imported into the United States either directly or indirectly by such owner or operator; and

(2) the country of origin and the seller of any enrichment services purchased by such owner or operator.

**(b) Congressional access**

The information provided to the Secretary pursuant to this section shall be made available to the Congress by March 1 of each year.

(Pub. L. 102-486, title X, §1015, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2949.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and not as part of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which comprises this chapter.

**§ 2296b-5. Uranium inventory study**

Within 1 year after October 24, 1992, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a study and report that includes—

(1) a comprehensive inventory of all Government owned uranium or uranium equivalents, including natural uranium, depleted tailings, low-enriched uranium, and highly enriched uranium available for conversion to commercial use;

(2) a plan for the conversion of inventories of foreign and domestic highly enriched uranium to low-enriched uranium for commercial use;

(3) an estimation of the potential need of the United States for inventories of highly enriched uranium;

(4) an analysis and summary of technological requirements and costs associated with converting highly enriched uranium to low-enriched uranium, including the construction of facilities if necessary;

(5) an estimation of potential net proceeds from the conversion and sale of highly enriched uranium;

(6) recommendations for implementing a plan to convert highly enriched uranium to low-enriched uranium; and

(7) recommendations for the future use and disposition of such inventories.

(Pub. L. 102-486, title X, §1016, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2949.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and not as part of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which comprises this chapter.

**§ 2296b-6. Regulatory treatment of uranium purchases**

**(a) Encouragement**

The Secretary shall encourage States and utility regulatory authorities to take into consideration the achievement of the objectives and purposes of this part, including the national need to avoid dependence on imports, when considering whether to allow the owner or operator of any electric power plant to recover in its rates and charges to customers any cost of purchase of domestic uranium, enriched uranium, or enrichment services from a non-affiliated seller greater than the cost of non-domestic uranium, enriched uranium or enrichment services.

**(b) Report**

Within 1 year after October 24, 1992, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall report to the Congress on the progress of the Secretary in encouraging actions by State regulatory authorities pursuant to subsection (a). Such report shall include detailed information on programs initiated by the Secretary to encourage appropriate State regulatory action and recommendations, if any, on further action that could be taken by the Secretary, other Federal agencies, or the Congress in order to further the purposes of this part.

**(c) Savings provision**

This section may not be construed to authorize the Secretary to take any action in violation of the multilateral trade agreements (as defined in section 3501(4) of title 19) or the North American Free Trade Agreement.

(Pub. L. 102-486, title X, §1017, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2950; Pub. L. 106-36, title I, §1002(g)(2), June 25, 1999, 113 Stat. 133.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and not as part of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-36 substituted “multilateral trade agreements (as defined in section 3501(4) of title 19) or the North American Free Trade Agreement” for “General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement”.

**§ 2296b-7. Definitions**

For purposes of this part:

(1) The term “Corporation” means the United States Enrichment Corporation established under section 2297b<sup>1</sup> of this title or its successor.

(2) The term “country of origin” means—

(A) with respect to uranium, that country where the uranium was mined;

(B) with respect to enriched uranium, that country where the uranium was mined and enriched; or

(C) with respect to enrichment services, that country where the enrichment services were performed.

(3) The term “domestic origin” refers to any uranium that has been mined in the United States including uranium recovered from uranium deposits in the United States by underground mining, open-pit mining, strip mining, in situ recovery, leaching, and ion recovery, or recovered from phosphoric acid manufactured in the United States.

(4) The term “domestic uranium producer” means a person or entity who produces domestic uranium and who has, to the extent required by State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction, licenses and permits for the operation, decontamination, decommissioning, and reclamation of sites, structures and equipment.

(5) The term “non-affiliated” refers to a seller who does not control, and is not controlled by or under common control with, the buyer.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(6) The term “overfeed” means to use uranium in the enrichment process in excess of the amount required at the transactional tails assay.

(7) The term “utility regulatory authority” means any State agency or Federal agency that has ratemaking authority with respect to the sale of electric energy by any electric utility or independent power producer. For purposes of this paragraph, the terms “electric utility”, “State agency”, “Federal agency”, and “ratemaking authority” have the respective meanings given such terms in section 2602 of title 16.

(Pub. L. 102-486, title X, §1018, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2950; Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §3117(b), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-350.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 2297b of this title, referred to in par. (1), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §3116(a)(1), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-349.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and not as part of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Par. (1). Pub. L. 104-134 inserted “or its successor” before period at end.

#### Division B—United States Enrichment Corporation

#### SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### §§ 2297, 2297a. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-134, title III, § 3116(a)(1), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-349

Section 2297, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1201, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2923, defined terms for purposes of this division.

Section 2297a, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1202, as added Oct. 24, 1992, Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, 106 Stat. 2924, related to purposes of United States Enrichment Corporation.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §3116(a)(1), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-349, provided that: “Chapters 22 through 26 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297-2297e-7) are repealed as of the privatization date [July 28, 1998, see 42 U.S.C. 2297h(9) for definition of privatization date as date on which 100 percent of ownership of United States Enrichment Corporation has been transferred to private investors].”

#### SEVERABILITY

Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §904, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2946, provided that: “If any provision of this title [see Tables for classification], or the amendments made by this title, or the application of any provision to any entity, person, or circumstance, is for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this title, and the amendments made by this title, or its application shall not be affected.”

#### REFERENCES TO UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION

Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §3116(e), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-350, provided that: “Following the privatization date [July 28, 1998, see Effective Date of Repeal note above], all references in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 [42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.] to the United States Enrich-

ment Corporation shall be deemed to be references to the private corporation.”

#### SUBCHAPTER II—ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATION

#### §§ 2297b to 2297b-15. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-134, title III, §3116(a)(1), Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-349

Section 2297b, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1301, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2925, related to establishment of United States Enrichment Corporation.

Section 2297b-1, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1302, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2925, related to offices of Corporation and service of process.

Section 2297b-2, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1303, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2925, related to powers of Corporation.

Section 2297b-3, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1304, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2926, related to Board of Directors of Corporation.

Section 2297b-4, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1305, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2927, related to employees of Corporation.

Section 2297b-5, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1306, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2928, related to independent and Comptroller General audits of Corporation’s financial statements.

Section 2297b-6, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1307, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2929, related to annual reports by Corporation to President and Congress.

Section 2297b-7, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1308, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2929, related to accounts and transfer of unexpended balances.

Section 2297b-8, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1309, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2930, related to bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2297b-9, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1310, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2931, related to exemption from State and local taxes and payments in lieu of such taxes.

Section 2297b-10, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1311, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2931, related to cooperation with other agencies.

Section 2297b-11, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1312, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2932, related to applicability of certain Federal laws.

Section 2297b-12, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1313, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2933, related to security of Corporation facilities, equipment, etc.

Section 2297b-13, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1314, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2933, related to control of information.

Section 2297b-14, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1315, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2933, related to governance of Corporation during transition period prior to appointment of Board.

Section 2297b-15, act Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title II, §1316, as added Pub. L. 102-486, title IX, §901, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2934, related to establishment of Working Capital Account.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective as of date on which 100 percent of ownership of United States Enrichment Corporation has been transferred to private investors (July 28, 1998), see section 3116(a)(1) of Pub. L. 104-134, set out as a note under former section 2297 of this title.