

- (B) such dry dock—
 - (i) is owned and operated by—
 - (I) a shipyard located in the United States that is an eligible owner specified under section 12103(b); or
 - (II) an affiliate of such a shipyard; or
 - (ii) is—
 - (I) owned by the State in which the shipyard is located or a political subdivision of that State; and
 - (II) operated by a shipyard located in the United States that is an eligible owner specified under section 12103(b).

(2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after making a determination under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Navy shall notify the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate of such determination.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “floating dry dock” means equipment with wing walls and a fully submersible deck.

(Added Pub. L. 113-291, div. C, title XXXV, §3502(a), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3904; amended Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3508, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2780.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(C), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 113-291, which was approved Dec. 19, 2014.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 114-328 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

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AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 113-67, div. A, title VI, §602(b), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 1188, struck out items 55316 “Financing the transportation of agricultural commodities” and 55317 “Termination of subchapter”.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 55301. Priority loading for coal

A vessel engaged in the coastwise transportation of coal produced in the United States, from a port in the United States to another port in the United States, shall be given priority in loading at any of those ports ahead of a waiting vessel engaged in the export transportation of coal produced in the United States. However, if the Secretary of Transportation finds that it is in the national interest, the Secretary may eliminate this priority loading at any port. The Secretary shall report to Congress within 30 days an action eliminating priority loading under this section.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1642.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
55301	46 App.:1121-1.	Pub. L. 96-387, §5, Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1546; Pub. L. 97-31, §12(68), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 159; Pub. L. 99-662, title IX, §947, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4200.

§ 55302. Transportation of United States Government personnel

(a) IN GENERAL.—An officer or employee of the United States Government traveling by sea on official business overseas or to or from a territory or possession of the United States shall travel and transport personal effects on a vessel documented under the laws of the United States if such a vessel is available, unless the necessity of the mission requires the use of a foreign vessel.

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Administrator of General Services shall prescribe regulations under which agencies may not pay for or reimburse an officer or employee for travel or transportation expenses incurred on a foreign vessel in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity of using the vessel.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1642.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
55302	46 App.:1241(a).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title IX, §901(a), 49 Stat. 2015; Aug. 26, 1954, ch. 936, 68 Stat. 832; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §125, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3839.

In subsection (a), the words “by sea” are added for clarity. The words “a territory or possession of the