

- (3) additional security on board vessels;
- (4) licensing or certification of compliance with appropriate security standards; and
- (5) other appropriate measures to prevent unlawful acts against passengers and crews on vessels.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1683.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
70302 .....	46 App.:1801.	Pub. L. 99-399, title IX, §902, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 889.

The word "vessel" is substituted for "shipboard" for consistency in the revised title. The words "and commends him on his efforts to date" are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 70303. Security standards at foreign ports

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall develop and implement a plan to assess the effectiveness of the security measures maintained at foreign ports that the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, determines pose a high risk of acts of terrorism against passenger vessels. In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of State about the terrorist threat that exists in each country and poses a high risk of acts of terrorism against passenger vessels.

(b) NOTICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.—If the Secretary, after implementing the plan under subsection (a), determines that a port does not maintain and administer effective security measures, the Secretary of State (after being informed by the Secretary) shall—

- (1) notify the appropriate government authorities of the country in which the port is located of the determination; and
- (2) recommend steps necessary to bring the security measures at that port up to the standard used by the Secretary in making the assessment under subsection (a).

(c) ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE.—The President is encouraged to provide antiterrorism assistance related to maritime security under chapter 8 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2349aa et seq.) to foreign countries, especially for a port that the Secretary determines under subsection (b) does not maintain and administer effective security measures.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1684.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
70303 .....	46 App.:1803.	Pub. L. 99-399, title IX, §907(a), (b), (d), (e), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 891.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 87-195, Sept. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 424. Chapter 8 of part II of the Act is classified generally to part VIII (§2349aa et seq.) of subchapter II of chapter 32 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For

complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2151 of Title 22 and Tables.

§ 70304. Travel advisories on security at foreign ports

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—On being notified by the Secretary that the Secretary has determined that a condition exists that threatens the safety or security of passengers, passenger vessels, or crew traveling to or from a foreign port that the Secretary has determined under section 70303(b) of this title does not maintain and administer effective security measures, the Secretary of State immediately shall issue a travel advisory for that port. The Secretary of State shall take the necessary steps to widely publicize the travel advisory.

(b) LIFTING ADVISORIES.—A travel advisory issued under subsection (a) may be lifted only if the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, has determined that effective security measures are maintained and administered at the port.

(c) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of State shall notify Congress immediately of any change in the status of a travel advisory issued under this section.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1684.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
70304 .....	46 App.:1804.	Pub. L. 99-399, title IX, §908, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, title XXII, §2224(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-819.

In subsection (b), the words "with respect to which the Secretary of Transportation had made the determination described in section 1803(d) of this Appendix" are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 70305. Suspension of passenger services

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Whenever the President determines that a foreign nation permits the use of territory under its jurisdiction as a base of operations or training for, or as a sanctuary for, or in any way arms, aids, or abets, a terrorist or terrorist group that knowingly uses the illegal seizure of passenger vessels or the threat thereof as an instrument of policy, the President may suspend the right of any passenger vessel common carrier to operate to or from, and the right of any passenger vessel of the United States to use, a port in that foreign nation for passenger service. The suspension may be without notice or hearing and for as long as the President determines is necessary to ensure the security of passenger vessels against unlawful seizure.

(b) PROHIBITION.—A passenger vessel common carrier, or a passenger vessel of the United States, may not operate in violation of a suspension under this section.

(c) PENALTIES.—

(1) DENIAL OF ENTRY.—If a person operates a vessel in violation of this section, the Secretary may deny the vessels of that person entry to ports of the United States.

(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—A person violating this section is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$50,000. Each day a vessel uses a prohibited port is a separate violation.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1684.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70305 .....	46 App.:1805.	Pub. L. 99-399, title IX, §909, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 892.

§ 70306. Report on terrorist threats

(a) CONTENT.—The Secretary shall submit an annual report to Congress on the threat from acts of terrorism to United States ports and vessels operating from those ports. The Secretary shall include a description of activities undertaken under title I of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-295, 116 Stat. 2066) and an analysis of the effect of those activities on port security against acts of terrorism.

(b) SUBMISSION.—The report shall be submitted to the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate. Any classified information in the report shall be submitted separately as an addendum.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1685; Pub. L. 109-241, title IX, §901(q), July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 566; Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, §3525(a)(5), (b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 601.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70306(a) .....	46 App.:1802.	Pub. L. 99-399, title IX, §§905, 913, Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 890, 892; Pub. L. 107-295, title I, §110(a), title IV, §408(c)(3), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2091, 2117.
70306(b) .....	46 App.:1809.	

In subsection (a), the words “February 28 of each year” are substituted for “February 28, 1987, and annually thereafter” in 46 App. U.S.C. 1802 to eliminate obsolete language. The words “Beginning with the first report submitted under this section after the date of enactment of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002” are omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (b), the words “To the extent practicable, the reports required under sections 903, 905, and 907 [46 App. U.S.C. 1801 note, 1802, 1803] shall be consolidated into a single document before being submitted to the Congress” in 46 App. U.S.C. 1809(a) are omitted as unnecessary and obsolete because sections 903 and 907 are being omitted from the revised title and repealed as obsolete. The words “Committee on International Relations” are substituted for “Committee on Foreign Affairs” to reflect changes in committee structure made by the 104th Congress.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 107-295, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2064. Title I of the Act enacted subtitle

VI (now subtitle VII) of this title, amended section 1802 of the former Appendix to this title, sections 661 [now 2703] and 724 of Title 14, Coast Guard, section 1431a of Title 19, Customs Duties, sections 1226, 1501 to 1504, 1507, and 1520 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, and sections 192 and 195 of Title 50, War and National Defense, enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 70101, 70103, 70104, 70111, 70114, and 70116 of this title and sections 1226 and 1504 of Title 33, amended provisions set out as a note under section 2071 of Title 19, and repealed provisions set out as a note under section 2071 of Title 19. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3525(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-241, §901(q). See 2006 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181, §3525(a)(5), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-241, §901(q), into this section by substituting “The Secretary shall submit an annual report” for “Not later than February 28 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report”. See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-241, §901(q), which directed the amendment of section 1802 of the former Appendix to this title from which subsec. (a) of this section was derived, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, §3525(b). See 2008 Amendment note for subsec. (a) and Historical and Revision notes above.

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2016—Pub. L. 114-120, title III, §§306(a)(12), 314(e)(2), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 55, 59, inserted period at end of item 70508, added item 70503, and struck out former item 70503 “Manufacture, distribution, or possession of controlled substances on vessels”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-407, title II, §202(b)(1), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4300, added item 70508.

§ 70501. Findings and declarations

Congress finds and declares that (1) trafficking in controlled substances aboard vessels is a serious international problem, is universally condemned, and presents a specific threat to the security and societal well-being of the United States and (2) operating or embarking in a submersible vessel or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage is a serious international problem, facilitates transnational crime, including drug trafficking, and terrorism, and presents a specific threat to the safety of maritime navigation and the security of the United States.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §10(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1685; Pub. L. 110-407, title II, §201, Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4299.)