

(Added Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1709, § 7306; amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1011, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 739; Pub. L. 107-217, § 3(b)(29), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title X, § 1022(a)-(e)(1), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 845, 846; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title X, § 1074(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 996; renumbered § 8676, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Toxic Substances Control Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 94-469, Oct. 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 2003, which is classified generally to chapter 53 (§ 2601 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2601 of Title 15 and Tables.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 96-510, Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2767, which is classified principally to chapter 103 (§ 9601 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9601 of Title 42 and Tables.

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to in subsec. (e)(1), is classified to section 501(c)(3) of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7306 of this title as this section.

2015—Subsecs. (d) to (f). Pub. L. 114-92 redesignated subsecs. (e) and (f) as (d) and (e), respectively, and struck out former subsec. (d) which related to congressional notice-and-wait period.

2013—Pub. L. 113-66, § 1022(e)(1), substituted “Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register; captured vessels: conveyance by donation” for “Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register; captured vessels: transfer by gift or otherwise” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-66, § 1022(a), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Subject to section 113 of title 40, the Secretary of the Navy may transfer, by gift or otherwise, any vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register, or any captured vessel, to—

“(1) any State, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof;

“(2) the District of Columbia; or

“(3) any not-for-profit or nonprofit entity.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-66, § 1022(b), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “An agreement for the transfer of a vessel under subsection (a) shall include a requirement that the transferee will maintain the vessel in a condition satisfactory to the Secretary.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-66, § 1022(c), in heading, substituted “Department of Defense” for “United States” and in text, inserted “, the maintenance and preservation of that vessel as a museum or memorial, and the ultimate disposal of that vessel, including demilitarization of Munitions List items at the end of the useful life of the vessel as a museum or memorial,” after “under this section” and substituted “the Department of Defense” for “the United States”.

Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 113-66, § 1022(d), added subsecs. (e) and (f).

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-217 substituted “section 113 of title 40” for “subsections (c) and (d) of section 602 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 474)”.

1999—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-65 amended heading and text of subsec. (d) generally. Text read as follows:

“(1) No transfer under this section takes effect unless—

“(A) notice of the proposal to make the transfer is sent to Congress; and

“(B) 60 days of continuous session of Congress have expired following the date on which such notice is sent to Congress.

“(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), the continuity of a session of Congress is broken only by an adjournment of the Congress sine die, and the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than 3 days to a day certain are excluded in the computation of such 60-day period.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**§ 8676a. Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register: use for experimental purposes**

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Navy may use for experimental purposes any vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

(b) STRIPPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION OF VESSEL.—(1) Before using a vessel for an experimental purpose pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall carry out such stripping of the vessel as is practicable and such environmental remediation of the vessel as is required for the use of the vessel for experimental purposes.

(2) Material and equipment stripped from a vessel under paragraph (1) may be sold by the contractor or by a sales agent approved by the Secretary.

(3) Amounts received as proceeds from the stripping of a vessel pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to appropriations available for the procurement of services needed for such stripping and for environmental remediation required for the use of the vessel for experimental purposes. Amounts received in excess of amounts needed for reimbursement of those costs shall be deposited into the account from which the stripping and environmental remediation expenses were incurred and shall be available for stripping and environmental remediation of other vessels to be used for experimental purposes.

(c) USE FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “use for experimental purposes”, with respect to a vessel, includes use of the vessel in a Navy sink exercise or for target purposes.

(Added Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1709, § 7306a; amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, § 1012, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1589; renumbered § 8676a, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7306a of this title as this section.

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-136, § 1012(a)(1), inserted “and Environmental Remediation of” before “Vessel” in heading.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-136, § 1012(a)(2), inserted before period at end “and such environmental remediation of the vessel as is required for the use of the vessel for experimental purposes”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-136, § 1012(b)(2), added par. (2). Former par. (2) redesignated (3).

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 108-136, §1012(b)(1), (3), redesignated par. (2) as (3) and substituted “services needed for such stripping and for environmental remediation required for the use of the vessel for experimental purposes. Amounts received in excess of amounts needed for reimbursement of those costs shall be deposited into the account from which the stripping and environmental remediation expenses were incurred and shall be available for stripping and environmental remediation of other vessels to be used for experimental purposes” for “scrapping services needed for such stripping. Amounts received which are in excess of amounts needed for procuring such services shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-136, §1012(c), added subsec. (c).

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### § 8676b. Vessels stricken from Naval Vessel Register: transfer by gift or otherwise for use as artificial reefs

(a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE TRANSFER.**—The Secretary of the Navy may transfer, by gift or otherwise, any vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register to any State, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof, for use as provided in subsection (b).

(b) **VESSEL TO BE USED AS ARTIFICIAL REEF.**—An agreement for the transfer of a vessel under subsection (a) shall require that—

(1) the recipient use, site, construct, monitor, and manage the vessel only as an artificial reef in accordance with the requirements of the National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984 (33 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.), except that the recipient may use the artificial reef to enhance diving opportunities if that use does not have an adverse effect on fishery resources (as that term is defined in section 3(14) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802(14))); and

(2) the recipient obtain, and bear all responsibility for complying with, applicable Federal, State, interstate, and local permits for using, siting, constructing, monitoring, and managing the vessel as an artificial reef.

(c) **PREPARATION OF VESSEL FOR USE AS ARTIFICIAL REEF.**—The Secretary shall ensure that the preparation of a vessel transferred under subsection (a) for use as an artificial reef is conducted in accordance with—

(1) the environmental best management practices developed pursuant to section 3504(b) of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-314; 16 U.S.C. 1220 note); and

(2) any applicable environmental laws.

(d) **COST SHARING.**—The Secretary may share with the recipient of a vessel transferred under subsection (a) any costs associated with transferring the vessel under that subsection, including costs of the preparation of the vessel under subsection (c).

(e) **NO LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF VESSELS TRANSFERABLE TO PARTICULAR RECIPIENT.**—A State, Commonwealth, or possession of the

United States, or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof, may be the recipient of more than one vessel transferred under subsection (a).

(f) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with a transfer authorized by subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(g) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to establish a preference for the use as artificial reefs of vessels stricken from the Naval Vessel Register in lieu of other authorized uses of such vessels, including the domestic scrapping of such vessels, or other disposals of such vessels, under this chapter or other applicable authority.

(Added Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, §1013(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1590, §7306b; amended Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(36), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2400; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(31), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2474; renumbered §8676b, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is title II of Pub. L. 98-623, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3394, which enacted chapter 35 (§2101 et seq.) of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, and section 1220d of Title 16, Conservation, and amended sections 1220 to 1220c of Title 16. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2101 of Title 33 and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7306b of this title as this section.

2009—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 111-84 substituted “1802(14))” for “1802(14))”.

2006—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “3(14)” for “2(14)”.

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### § 8677. Disposals to foreign nations

(a) **LARGER OR NEWER VESSELS.**—A naval vessel that is in excess of 3,000 tons or that is less than 20 years of age may not be disposed of to another nation (whether by sale, lease, grant, loan, barter, transfer, or otherwise) unless the disposal of that vessel, or of a vessel of the class of that vessel, is authorized by law enacted after August 5, 1974. A lease or loan of such a vessel under such a law may be made only in accordance with the provisions of chapter 6 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796 et seq.) or chapter 2 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2311 et seq.). In the case of an authorization by law for the disposal of such a vessel that names a specific vessel as being authorized for such disposal, the Secretary of Defense may substitute another vessel of the same class, if the vessel substituted has virtually identical capabilities as the named vessel. In the case of an authorization by law for the disposal of vessels of a specified class, the Secretary may