

(1) The term “civil air carrier” means an air carrier (as defined in section 40102(a)(2) of title 49) that is issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity under section 41102 of such title.

(2) The term “support” includes fuel, fire rescue, use of facilities, improvements necessary to accommodate use by civil air carriers, police, safety, housing, food, air traffic control, suspension of military operations on the island (including operations at the Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Demilitarization System), repairs, and any other construction, services, or supplies.

(Added Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title III, §383(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-86; amended Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, §1048(a)(30), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1225.)

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “40102(a)(2)” for “40101(a)(2)”.

CHAPTER 981—MILITARY CLAIMS

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2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 951 of this title as this chapter.

1972—Pub. L. 92-417, §1(7), Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 655, substituted “Admiralty claims against the United States” for “Damage by United States vessels; towage and salvage of United States vessels” in item 9802.

1960—Pub. L. 86-533, §1(7)(B), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 247, struck out item 9805 “Reports to Congress”.

§ 9801. Definition

In this chapter, the term “settle” means consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and dispose of a claim, whether by full or partial allowance or by disallowance.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 591; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XII, §1231(19)(B), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1161.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9801	[No source].	[No source].

The revised section is inserted for clarity, and is based on usage in the source laws for this revised chapter.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-180 inserted “the term” after “In this chapter.”.

§ 9802. Admiralty claims against the United States

(a) The Secretary of the Air Force may settle or compromise an admiralty claim against the United States for—

(1) damage caused by a vessel of, or in the service of, the Department of the Air Force or

by other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force;

(2) compensation for towage and salvage service, including contract salvage, rendered to a vessel of, or in the service of, the Department of the Air Force or to other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force; or

(3) damage caused by a maritime tort committed by any agent or employee of the Department of the Air Force or by property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force.

(b) If a claim under subsection (a) is settled or compromised for \$500,000 or less, the Secretary of the Air Force may pay it. If it is settled or compromised for more than \$500,000, he shall certify it to Congress.

(c) In any case where the amount to be paid is not more than \$100,000, the Secretary of the Air Force may delegate his authority under subsection (a) to any person in the Department of the Air Force designated by him.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 592; Pub. L. 89-67, July 7, 1965, 79 Stat. 212; Pub. L. 92-417, §1(6), Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 655; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1633, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1608.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9802(a)	10:1861 (less 35 words before 1st proviso, and less last proviso).	Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 524, §1 (less 35 words before 1st proviso), 6 (as applicable to §1), 65 Stat. 572, 573.
9802(b)	10:1861 (last proviso).	
9802(c)	10:1866 (as applicable to 10:1861).	

In subsection (a), the words “consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise” are omitted as covered by the word “settle”, as defined in section 9801 of this title. 10:1861 (1st proviso) is omitted as unnecessary, since other applicable claims laws are restated in this title. 10:1861 (2d proviso) is omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “\$100,000” for “\$10,000”.

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-417 substituted “Admiralty claims against the United States” for “Damage by United States vessels, towage and salvage of United States vessels” in section catchline, in text preceding par. (1), struck out requirement that the Secretary of the Air Force discharge his functions under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, in par. (1), inserted “or by other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force”, in par. (2), inserted “or to other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force”, and added par. (3).

1965—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89-67 substituted “\$10,000” for “\$1,000”.

§ 9803. Admiralty claims by United States

(a) Under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force may settle, or compromise, and receive payment of a claim by the United States for damage to property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force or property for which the Department has assumed an obligation to respond for damage, if—

(1) the claim is—