

§ 175. Additional duties of Bureau

It shall be the province and duty of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce, to foster, promote, and develop the various manufacturing industries of the United States, and markets for the same at home and abroad, domestic and foreign, by gathering, compiling, publishing, and supplying all available and useful information concerning such industries and such markets, and by such other methods and means as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce or provided by law.

(Feb. 14, 1903, ch. 552, § 5, 32 Stat. 827; Apr. 5, 1906, ch. 1366, § 3, 34 Stat. 100; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 407; Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 141, § 1, 37 Stat. 736; Aug. 13, 1946, ch. 957, title XI, § 1131(23), 60 Stat. 1037.)

AMENDMENTS

1946—Act Aug. 13, 1946, repealed last sentence relating to duties of consular officers with respect to the Bureau.

CHANGE OF NAME

Act Mar. 4, 1913, substituted the “Secretary of Commerce” for “Secretary of Commerce and Labor”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1946 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 13, 1946, effective three months from Aug. 13, 1946, see section 1141 of that act.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, see note set out under section 172 of this title.

Act Aug. 23, 1912, transferred certain duties of Department or Bureau of Labor to Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Act Apr. 5, 1906, abolished the grade of commercial agent and commercial agent’s function of helping to gather foreign trade information, reference to which formerly appeared in the last sentence of this section. Such last sentence was subsequently repealed by Act Aug. 13, 1946.

§ 176. Collection of commercial statistics

A purpose of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce is the collection, arrangement, and classification of such statistical information as may be procured, showing, or tending to show, each year the condition of the manufactures, domestic trade, currency, and banks of the several States and Territories.

(R.S. § 335; Feb. 27, 1877, ch. 69, § 1, 19 Stat. 241; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 407.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 335 derived from Res. June 15, 1844, No. 16, 5 Stat. 719.

AMENDMENTS

1877—Act Feb. 27, 1877, struck out “agriculture” before “manufactures”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, see note set out under section 172 of this title.

Act Aug. 23, 1912, transferred certain duties of Department or Bureau of Labor to Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

§ 176a. Confidential nature of information furnished Bureau

Any statistical information furnished in confidence to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce by individuals, corporations, and firms shall be held to be confidential, and shall be used only for the statistical purposes for which it is supplied. Except as provided in the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, the Director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce shall not permit anyone other than the sworn employees of the Bureau to examine such individual reports, nor shall he permit any statistics of domestic commerce to be published in such manner as to reveal the identity of the individual, corporation, or firm furnishing such data.

(Jan. 27, 1938, ch. 11, § 1, 52 Stat. 8; Pub. L. 107-347, title V, § 526(a), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2969; Pub. L. 115-435, title III, § 302(c)(4), Jan. 14, 2019, 132 Stat. 5553.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 115-435, title III, § 302(c)(4), title IV, § 403, Jan. 14, 2019, 132 Stat. 5553, 5557, provided that, effective 180 days after Jan. 14, 2019, this section is amended by striking “the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002” and inserting “subchapter III of chapter 35 of title 44”. See 2019 Amendment note below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, referred to in text, is title V of Pub. L. 107-347, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2962, which enacted section 402 of Title 13, Census, amended this section, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 3501 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 115-435 substituted “subchapter III of chapter 35 of title 44” for “the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-347 substituted “Except as provided in the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, the” for “The”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-435 effective 180 days after Jan. 14, 2019, see section 403 of Pub. L. 115-435, set out as a note under section 306 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, see note set out under section 172 of this title.

TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS

For transitional and savings provisions related to the amendment of this section and other provisions of law by title III of Pub. L. 115-435, see section 302(d) of Pub. L. 115-435, set out as a note under section 3561 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents.

§ 176b. Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862

Section, act Jan. 27, 1938, ch. 11, § 2, 52 Stat. 8, related to disclosure by employee of information. See section 1905 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section 20 of act June 25, 1948, provided that the repeal of this section shall be effective Sept. 1, 1948.