

**(I) Nationwide service of process**

In any action by the United States under this chapter, process may be served in any district where the defendant is found, resides, transacts business, or has appointed an agent for the service of process.

(Pub. L. 92-532, title III, §307, as added Pub. L. 98-498, title I, §102, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2302; amended Pub. L. 100-627, title II, §207, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3219; Pub. L. 102-587, title II, §2107(a)-(c), (e), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5043, 5044; Pub. L. 104-283, §9(c), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3367; Pub. L. 106-513, §8, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2387.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 89 of title 14, referred to in subsec. (i), was redesignated section 522 of title 14 by Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §105(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4200, and references to section 89 of title 14 deemed to refer to such redesignated section, see section 123(b)(1) of Pub. L. 115-282, set out as a References to Sections of Title 14 as Redesignated by Pub. L. 115-282 note preceding section 101 of Title 14, Coast Guard.

Presidential Proclamation 5928 of December 27, 1988, referred to in subsec. (k), is set out as a note under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 106-513, §8(a), added par. (6).

Subsecs. (c) to (f). Pub. L. 106-513, §8(b), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsecs. (c) to (e) as (d) to (f), respectively. Former subsec. (f) redesignated (g).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 106-513, §8(b), (c), redesignated subsec. (f) as (g) and inserted “electronic files,” after “books.” Former subsec. (g) redesignated (h).

Subsecs. (h) to (k). Pub. L. 106-513, §8(b), redesignated subsecs. (g) to (j) as (h) to (k), respectively.

Subsec. (l). Pub. L. 106-513, §8(c), added subsec. (l).

1996—Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 104-283 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 9607(f)(1) of title 42.

1992—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 102-587, §2107(a)(1), substituted “\$100,000” for “\$50,000”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 102-587, §2107(a)(2), struck out “and may be proceeded against in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction” after “assessed for such violation” and inserted at end “Such penalty shall constitute a maritime lien on the vessel and may be recovered in an action in rem in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction over the vessel.”

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 102-587, §2107(b), inserted at end “The proceeds from forfeiture actions under this subsection shall constitute a separate recovery in addition to any amounts recovered as civil penalties under this section or as civil damages under section 1443 of this title. None of those proceeds shall be subject to set-off.”

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 102-587, §2107(c), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law, the Secretary may use amounts received under this section in the form of civil penalties, forfeitures of property, and costs imposed under paragraph (2) to pay—

“(A) the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the Secretary in providing temporary storage, care, and maintenance of any sanctuary resource or other property seized under this section pending disposition of any civil proceeding relating to any alleged violation with respect to which such property or sanctuary resource was seized; and

“(B) a reward to any person who furnishes information leading to an assessment of a civil penalty, or to a forfeiture of property, for a violation of this chapter or of any regulation or permit issued under this chapter.”

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 102-587, §2107(e), added subsec. (j). 1988—Pub. L. 100-627 amended section generally, substituting provisions consisting of subsecs. (a) to (i) relating to enforcement activities in general, powers of authorized officers, civil penalties, forfeiture, payment of storage, care, and other costs, subpoenas, use of resources of State and other Federal agencies, Coast Guard authority, and injunctive relief for former provisions consisting of subsecs. (a) to (c) relating to enforcement activities in general, civil penalties, and jurisdiction.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

## STUDY OF JOINT ENFORCEMENT OF MARINE SANCTUARY REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 102-241, §51, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2227, directed Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Commerce, not later than one year after Dec. 19, 1991, to submit to Congress a joint report describing methods by which Coast Guard enforcement efforts under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq., 1447 et seq., 33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq., 2801 et seq.) could be enhanced and coordinated with those of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**§ 1438. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-627, title II, § 203(1), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3214**

Section, Pub. L. 92-532, title III, §308, as added Pub. L. 98-498, title I, §102, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2303, authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1985 to 1988.

**§ 1439. Regulations**

The Secretary may issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 92-532, title III, §308, formerly §309, as added Pub. L. 98-498, title I, §102, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2303; renumbered §308, Pub. L. 100-627, title II, §203(2), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3214; Pub. L. 106-513, §9, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2387.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 308 of Pub. L. 92-532 was classified to section 1438 of this title, prior to repeal by section 203(1) of Pub. L. 100-627.

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-513 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.”

**§ 1440. Research, monitoring, and education****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall conduct, support, or coordinate research, monitoring, evaluation, and education programs consistent with subsections (b) and (c) and the purposes and policies of this chapter.

**(b) Research and monitoring****(1) In general**

The Secretary may—