

payments may be made on account of any interest that may be allowed on such awards;

(5) payments or applications for payments shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 608, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2511.)

**§ 1644i. Time limitation on completion of affairs of Commission**

The Commission shall complete its affairs in connection with the settlement of claims pursuant to this subchapter not later than three years following the final date for the filing of claims as provided in section 1644b of this title.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 609, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644j. Transfer of records**

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to transfer or otherwise make available to the Commission such records and documents relating to claims authorized by this subchapter as may be required by the Commission in carrying out its functions under this subchapter.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 610, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644k. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to enable the Commission and the Treasury Department of<sup>1</sup> pay their respective administrative expenses incurred in carrying out their functions under this subchapter.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 611, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644l. Fees for services; limitation; penalty**

No remuneration on account of services rendered on behalf of any claimant, in connection with any claim filed with the Commission under this subchapter, shall exceed 10 per centum of the total amount paid pursuant to any award certified under the provisions of this subchapter on account of such claims. Any agreement to the contrary shall be unlawful and void. Whoever, in the United States or elsewhere demands or receives, on account of services so rendered, any remuneration in excess of the maximum permitted by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twelve months, or both.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 612, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**§ 1644m. Applicability of administrative provisions of subchapter I**

To the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subchapter, the following provisions of subchapter I of this chapter shall be applicable to this subchapter: subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (h), and (j) of section 1623 of this

title; subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of section 1626 of this title.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VI, § 613, as added Pub. L. 94-542, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2512.)

**SUBCHAPTER VII—CLAIMS AGAINST  
VIETNAM**

**§ 1645. Congressional declaration of purpose**

It is the purpose of this subchapter to provide for the determination of the validity and amounts of outstanding claims against Vietnam which arose out of the nationalization, expropriation, or other taking of (or special measures directed against) property of nationals of the United States. This subchapter shall not be construed as authorizing or as any intention to authorize an appropriation by the United States for the purpose of paying such claims.

(Mar. 10, 1950, ch. 54, title VII, § 701, as added Pub. L. 96-606, Dec. 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 3534.)

**§ 1645a. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter—

(1) the term “National of the United States” means—

(A) a natural person who is a citizen of the United States; and

(B) a corporation or other legal entity which is organized under the laws of the United States or of any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, if natural persons who are citizens of the United States own, directly or indirectly, 50 per centum or more of the outstanding capital stock or other beneficial interest of such corporation or entity;

(2) the term “Commission” means the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States;

(3) the term “property” means—

(A) any property, right, or interest, including any leasehold interest,

(B) any debt owed by Vietnam or by any enterprise which has been nationalized, expropriated, or otherwise taken by Vietnam, and

(C) any debt which is a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, or otherwise taken by Vietnam;

(4) the term “Vietnam” means—

(A) the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

(B) any predecessor governing authority operating in South Vietnam on or after April 29, 1975, including the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam,

(C) the Government of the former Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and

(D) any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of any of the entities referred to in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C); and

(5) the term “Claims Fund” means the special fund established in the Treasury of the United States composed of such sums as may be paid to or realized by the United States pursuant to the terms of any agreement set-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “to”.