

(A) at military installations outside the United States; and

(B) subject to paragraph (2), at military installations inside the United States where the Secretary determines that it is impracticable for those civilian officers, employees, and persons to obtain such stores from commercial enterprises without impairing the efficient operation of military activities.

(2) Sales to civilian officers and employees inside the United States may be made under paragraph (1) only to civilian officers and employees residing within military installations.

(h) Appropriations for subsistence of the Navy or Marine Corps may be applied to the purchase of subsistence supplies for sale to members of the Navy and Marine Corps on active duty for the use of such members and their families.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, § 375(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 281, § 7606; amended Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, § 1073(a)(63), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1903; renumbered § 8806, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(9), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 8811 to 8813 were repealed by Pub. L. 90-235, § 3(a)(2), (b)(1), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 757, 758.

Section 8811, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 544, provided for discharge of enlisted members of Air Force and limitations thereon, and for issuance of discharge certificates. See section 1169 of this title.

Section 8812, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 544, provided for discharge of members of Air Force enlisted during war or emergency. See section 1172 of this title.

Section 8813, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 544, provided for dependency discharges for enlisted members of Air Force.

A prior section 8814, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 545, authorized Secretary of Air Force to discharge a regular commissioned officer who has less than three years of continuous service as a commissioned officer therein, provided that such officer not be dismissed because of his marriage, unless marriage occurred within one year after date of his original appointment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-513, title II, § 214, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2885, effective Sept. 15, 1981. See section 630 of this title

Prior sections 8815 and 8816 were repealed by Pub. L. 90-235, § 3(a)(2), (b)(1), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 757, 758.

Section 8815, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 545, provided for resignation of regular enlisted members of Air Force enlisted on a career basis and limitations thereon.

Section 8816, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 545, provided for minority discharges for regular enlisted members of Air Force. See section 1170 of this title.

A prior section 8817 was renumbered section 9307 of this title.

A prior section 8818, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 545, authorized Secretary of Air Force, under regulations prescribed by President, to terminate appointment or enlistment of any female member of Regular Air Force, provided that appointment of a commissioned officer not be terminated by dismissal, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-513, title II, § 236, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2887, effective Sept. 15, 1981.

Prior sections 8819 and 8820 were repealed by Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, § 1629(c)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2963, effective Oct. 1, 1996.

Section 8819, added Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(191)(A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1534; amended Pub. L. 86-559, § 1(65), June 30, 1960, 74 Stat. 278; Pub. L. 98-525, title V, § 528(d), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2526; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, § 1501(c)(32), (33), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 500, related to discharge of officers of Air Force Reserve or Air Na-

tional Guard of United States for failure of promotion to first lieutenant. See section 14503 of this title.

Section 8820, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 546, related to discharge and withdrawal of Federal recognition of officers of Air National Guard of United States absent without leave. See section 14907 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7606 of this title as this section.

1997—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “section” for “sections”.

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.

CHAPTER 881—CLAIMS

- Sec. 8821. Definitions.
- 8822. Admiralty claims against the United States.
- 8823. Admiralty claims by the United States.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(e)(4), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838, redesignated chapter 653 of this title as this chapter and items 7621 to 7623 as 8821 to 8823, respectively.

1962—Pub. L. 87-769, § 1(2)(B), Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 768, struck out item 7625 “Claims against the United States: private property; loss or damage”.

1960—Pub. L. 86-533, § 1(10)(B), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 247, struck out item 7624 “Reports to Congress”.

§ 8821. Definitions

(a) In this chapter “vessel in the naval service” means—

(1) any vessel of the Navy, manned by the Navy, or chartered on bareboat charter to the Navy; or

(2) when the Coast Guard is operating as a service in the Navy, any vessel of the Coast Guard, manned by the Coast Guard, or chartered on bareboat charter to the Coast Guard.

(b) In this chapter “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. 472, § 7621; renumbered § 8821, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(9), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7621	46 U.S.C. 793.	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 3, 58 Stat. 724.

In subsection (a) the words “vessel in the naval service” are substituted for the words “vessels of the Navy or in the naval service”. The defined term is used throughout the chapter, and by definition includes vessels of the Navy. The words “when the Coast Guard is operating as a service in the Navy” are substituted for the words “the Coast Guard when operating as a part of the Navy” to conform to the terminology of 14 U.S.C. 3.

Subsection (b) is inserted for clarity, and is based on the source laws for this revised chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7621 of this title as this section.

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.

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.

§ 8822. Admiralty claims against the United States

(a) The Secretary of the Navy may settle, or compromise, and pay in an amount not more than \$15,000,000 an admiralty claim against the United States for—

(1) damage caused by a vessel in the naval service or by other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy;

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

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

(b) If a claim under this section is settled or compromised for more than \$15,000,000, the Secretary shall certify it to Congress.

(c) In any case where the amount to be paid is not more than \$1,000,000, the Secretary may delegate his authority under this section to any person designated by him.

(d) Upon acceptance of payment by the claimant, the settlement or compromise of a claim under this section is final and conclusive notwithstanding any other provision of law.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 472, § 7622; Pub. L. 89-67, July 7, 1965, 79 Stat. 212; Pub. L. 92-417, § 1(5), Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 654; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, § 1633, Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1608; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, § 1014(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1212; renumbered § 8822, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(9), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7622	46 U.S.C. 797.	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 7, 58 Stat. 726.
	46 U.S.C. 799.	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 9; added Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 739, 60 Stat. 803.

In subsection (a) the words “consider, ascertain, adjust, determine” are omitted as covered by the word “settle”, as defined in § 7621(b) of this title. The words “vessel in the naval service” are substituted for the words “vessels of the Navy or in the naval service”, in view of the definition in § 7621(a) of this title. The words “pay in an amount not more than \$1,000,000, a claim” are substituted for the words “pay the amount of any

claim, so determined, compromised, or settled” and for the words “the payment of any claim on which a net amount exceeding \$1,000,000 is determined to be due from the United States, or which is compromised or settled at a net amount exceeding \$1,000,000 payable by the United States, shall not be authorized by this section”.

In subsection (c) the words “In any case where the amount to be paid is not more than” are substituted for the words “When the net amount paid in settlement does not exceed” for clarity, since the delegation necessarily precedes payment. The words “the Secretary may delegate his authority” are substituted for the words “the authority of the Secretary of the Navy * * * may be exercised by” for clarity.

In subsection (d) the words “but not until then”, “for all purposes”, and “to the contrary” are omitted as surplusage.

The first proviso in 46 U.S.C. 797, stating that this section is supplementary to, and not in lieu of, other laws authorizing the settlement of claims, is omitted as unnecessary, since the other applicable claims laws are restated in this title. The second proviso, forbidding consideration of claims for more than \$3,000 if they accrued before Sept. 8, 1939, is omitted as obsolete. It was designed to avoid reviving stale claims upon enactment of the source law on July 3, 1944. However, as a matter of practice, no claims are settled under this authority which are more than two years old, in line with the two-year statute of limitations contained in the Suits in Admiralty Act and the Public Vessels Act. This limitation has been officially publicized in the Federal Register for May 22, 1947, p. 3296, and in 32 C.F.R. 752. The third proviso in 46 U.S.C. 797 is omitted as unnecessary, since the appropriation named therein no longer exists, and the payments are now made from appropriations for the Department of Defense.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7622 of this title as this section.

2001—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1014(a)(1), substituted “\$15,000,000” for “\$1,000,000”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1014(a)(2), substituted “\$1,000,000” for “\$100,000”.

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

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-417 substituted “an admiralty claim against the United States” for “a claim against the United States” in text preceding par. (1), in par. (1) inserted “or by other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy”, in par. (2) inserted “or to other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy”, and added par. (3).

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

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, § 1014(c), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1212, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 7623 of this title] shall apply with respect to any claim accruing on or after February 1, 2001.”

§ 8823. Admiralty claims by the United States

(a) The Secretary of the Navy 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 Navy or property for which the Department has assumed an obligation to respond for damage, if—