

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

In subsec. (a), "Commission" substituted for "Secretary" and "it" substituted for "he"; in subsec. (b), "Commission" substituted for "Secretary", "it" substituted for "him" and "he", "its" substituted for "his", and "Commission's" substituted for "Secretary's" pursuant to section 30(a) of Pub. L. 92-573, which is classified to section 2079(a) of this title and which transferred functions of Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under this chapter to Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**§ 1475. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-35, title XII, § 1205(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 716**

Section, Pub. L. 91-601, §6, Dec. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1672, provided for appointment of a technical advisory committee to assist the Secretary in carrying out the purposes of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1215 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date of 1981 Amendment note under section 2052 of this title.

**§ 1476. Preemption of Federal standards**

**(a) Exception for identical State standards**

Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), whenever a standard established by the Commission under this Act applicable to a household substance is in effect, no State or political subdivision thereof shall have any authority either to establish or continue in effect, with respect to such household substance, any standard for special packaging (and any exemption therefrom and requirement related thereto) which is not identical to the standard established under section 1472 of this title (and any exemption therefrom and requirement related thereto) of this Act.

**(b) Federal or State standards which afford a higher degree of protection**

The Federal Government and the government of any State or political subdivision of a State may establish and continue in effect, with respect to a household substance for its own use, a standard for special packaging or related requirement which is designed to protect against a risk of illness or injury with respect to which a standard for special packaging or related requirement is in effect under this Act and which is not identical to such standard or requirement if the Federal, State, or political subdivision standard or requirement provides a higher degree of protection from such risk of illness or injury than the standard or requirement in effect under this Act.

**(c) Exemption for State standards; requirements; determination of burden on interstate commerce; notice and hearing**

(1) Upon application of a State or political subdivision of a State, the Commission may, by regulation promulgated in accordance with paragraph (2), exempt from subsection (a), under such conditions as may be prescribed in such regulation, any standard for special packaging or related requirement of such State or political subdivision applicable to a household substance subject to a standard or requirement in effect under this Act if—

(A) compliance with the State or political subdivision standard or requirement would not

cause the household substance to be in violation of the standard or requirement in effect under this Act, and

(B) the State or political subdivision standard or requirement (i) provides a significantly higher degree of protection from the risk of illness or injury with respect to which the Federal standard or requirement is in effect, and (ii) does not unduly burden interstate commerce.

In determining the burden, if any, of a State or political subdivision standard or requirement on interstate commerce the Commission shall consider and make appropriate (as determined by the Commission in its discretion) findings on the technological and economic feasibility of complying with such standard or requirement, the cost of complying with such standard or requirement, the geographic distribution of the household substance to which the standard or requirement would apply, the probability of other States or political subdivisions applying for an exemption under this subsection for a similar standard or requirement, and the need for a national, uniform standard or requirement under this Act for such household substance.

(2) A regulation under paragraph (1) granting an exemption for a standard or requirement of a State or political subdivision of a State may be promulgated by the Commission only after it has provided, in accordance with section 553(b) of title 5 notice with respect to the promulgation of the regulation and has provided opportunity for the oral presentation of views respecting its promulgation.

(Pub. L. 91-601, §7, formerly §8, Dec. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1673; Pub. L. 92-573, §30(a), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1231; Pub. L. 94-284, §17(c), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 513; renumbered §7, Pub. L. 97-35, title XII, §1205(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 716.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

For classification to the Code of "this Act", referred to in text, see References in Text note set out under section 1471 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-284 substituted "(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), whenever" for "Whenever" in existing provision, and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

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## PREEMPTION

The provisions of this section establishing the extent to which the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 [15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.] preempts, limits, or otherwise affects any other Federal, State, or local law, any rule, procedure, or regulation, or any cause of action under State or local law not to be expanded or contracted in scope, or limited, modified or extended in application, by any rule or regulation under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970, or by reference in any preamble, statement of policy, executive branch statements, or other matter associated with the publication of any such rule or regulation, see section 231 of Pub. L. 110-314, set out as a note under section 2051 of this title.

**§ 1477. Enforcement by State Attorneys General**

The attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, alleging a violation of a standard or rule promulgated under section 1472 of this title that affects or may affect such State or its residents, may bring an action on behalf of the residents of the State in any United States district court for the district in which the defendant is found or transacts business to obtain appropriate injunctive relief. The procedural requirements of section 2073(b) of this title shall apply to any such action.

(Pub. L. 91-601, § 9, as added Pub. L. 110-314, title II, § 218(b)(1), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3062.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9 of Pub. L. 91-601 was renumbered section 8 and is set out as a note under section 1471 of this title.

**CHAPTER 40—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

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- 1502, 1503. Omitted.
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- 1503b. Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; duties; appointment; compensation.
- 1504. Repealed.
- 1505. Additional Assistant Secretary; duties, rank of Assistant Secretaries.
- 1506. Additional Assistant Secretary; appointment; applicability of section 1505.
- 1507. Additional Assistant Secretary; appointment; compensation; duties.
- 1507a. Repealed.
- 1507b. Assistant Secretary of Commerce; appointment; compensation; duties.
- 1507c. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; duties; appointment; compensation.
- 1508. General Counsel.
- 1509. Designation of officer to sign routine papers.
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- 1511. Bureaus in Department.
- 1511a. Repealed.
- 1511b. United States fishery trade officers.
- 1511c. Estuarine Programs Office.
- 1511d. Chesapeake Bay Office.
- 1511e. Repealed.
- 1512. Powers and duties of Department.
- 1513. Duties and powers vested in Department.
- 1513a. Cost estimates for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration programs included in Department budget justification.
- 1513b. Cost estimates for National Institute of Standards and Technology construction projects included in Department budget justification.
- 1514. Basic authority for performance of certain functions and activities of Department.
- 1515. Records, etc., of bureaus transferred to Department of Commerce.
- 1516. Statistical information.
- 1516a. Statistics relating to social, health, and economic conditions of Americans of Spanish origin or descent.
- 1517. Transfer of statistical or scientific work.
- 1518. Custody of buildings; officers transferred.
- 1519. Annual and special reports.
- 1519a, 1520. Repealed.
- 1521. Working capital fund; establishment; amount; uses; reimbursement.
- 1521a. Department of Commerce Nonrecurring Expenses Fund.

- Sec. 1522. Acceptance of gifts and bequests for purposes of the Department; separate fund; disbursements.
- 1523. Tax status of gifts and bequests of property.
- 1524. Investment and reinvestments of moneys; credit and disbursement of interest.
- 1525. Special studies; special compilations, lists, bulletins, or reports; clearinghouse for technical information; transcripts or copies; cost payments for special work; joint projects; cost apportionment, waiver.
- 1526. Receipts for work or services; deposit in special accounts; availability for payment of costs, repayment or advances to appropriations or funds, refunds, credits to working capital funds; appropriation limitation of annual expenditures from accounts.
- 1527. Fees or charges for services or publications under existing law unaffected.
- 1527a. Economics and Statistics Administration Revolving Fund.
- 1528. Transferred.
- 1529. Relinquishment of legislative jurisdiction over certain lands.
- 1530. Awarding of contracts for performance of commercial activity by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- 1531. Buying Power Maintenance accounts for International Trade Administration, Export Administration, and United States Travel and Tourism Administration.
- 1532. Telecommunications; electromagnetic radiation; research, analysis, dissemination of information; other functions of Secretary.
- 1533. Repealed.
- 1534. Assessment of fees for access to environmental data.
- 1535. Repealed.
- 1536. Prohibition against fraudulent use of "Made in America" labels.
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- 1545. Cooperation with travel agencies; publication of information.
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- 1547. Rules and regulations; employees.
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**§ 1501. Establishment of Department; Secretary; seal**

There shall be at the seat of government an executive department to be known as the Department of Commerce, and a Secretary of Commerce, who shall be the head thereof, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and whose term and tenure of office shall be like that of the heads of the other executive departments; and the provisions of title 4 of the Revised Statutes, including all amendments thereto, shall be applicable to said department. The said Secretary shall cause a seal of office to be made for the said department of such device as the President shall approve, and judicial notice shall be taken of the said seal.

(Feb. 14, 1903, ch. 552, §1, 32 Stat. 825; Feb. 17, 1909, ch. 137, §§1, 2, 35 Stat. 626; Mar. 4, 1909, ch.