

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XVI, § 1614, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-799.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this subdivision”, meaning subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105-277, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-765, known as the Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation Act of 1998. For complete classification of this subdivision to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6501 of this title and Tables.

**§ 6615. Savings provisions**

**(a) Continuing legal force and effect**

All orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, agreements, grants, contracts, certificates, licenses, registrations, privileges, and other administrative actions—

(1) that have been issued, made, granted, or allowed to become effective by the President, any Federal agency or official thereof, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the performance of functions that are transferred under any subchapter of this chapter; and

(2) that are in effect as of the effective date of such subchapter, or were final before the effective date of such subchapter and are to become effective on or after the effective date of such subchapter,

shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in accordance with law by the President, the Secretary, or other authorized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

**(b) Pending proceedings**

**(1) In general**

The provisions of any subchapter of this chapter shall not affect any proceedings, including notices of proposed rulemaking, or any application for any license, permit, certificate, or financial assistance pending on the effective date of any subchapter of this chapter before any Federal agency, commission, or component thereof, functions of which are transferred by any subchapter of this chapter. Such proceedings and applications, to the extent that they relate to functions so transferred, shall be continued.

**(2) Orders, appeals, payments**

Orders shall be issued in such proceedings, appeals shall be taken therefrom, and payments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if this chapter had not been enacted. Orders issued in any such proceedings shall continue in effect until modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by the Secretary, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

**(3) Statutory construction**

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prohibit the discontinuance or modification of any such proceeding under the same terms and conditions and to the same extent that such proceeding could have been discontinued or modified if this chapter had not been enacted.

**(4) Regulations**

The Secretary is authorized to promulgate regulations providing for the orderly transfer

of proceedings continued under this subsection to the Department.

**(c) No effect on judicial or administrative proceedings**

Except as provided in subsection (e) and section 6543(d) of this title—

(1) the provisions of this chapter shall not affect suits commenced prior to the effective dates of the respective subchapters of this chapter; and

(2) in all such suits, proceedings shall be had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the same manner and effect as if this chapter had not been enacted.

**(d) Nonabatement of proceedings**

No suit, action, or other proceeding commenced by or against any officer in the official capacity of such individual as an officer of any Federal agency, or any commission or component thereof, functions of which are transferred by any subchapter of this chapter, shall abate by reason of the enactment of this chapter. No cause of action by or against any Federal agency, or any commission or component thereof, functions of which are transferred by any subchapter of this chapter, or by or against any officer thereof in the official capacity of such officer shall abate by reason of the enactment of this chapter.

**(e) Continuation of proceeding with substitution of parties**

If, before the effective date of any subchapter of this chapter, any Federal agency, or officer thereof in the official capacity of such officer, is a party to a suit, and under this chapter any function of such department, agency, or officer is transferred to the Secretary or any other official of the Department, then effective on such date such suit shall be continued with the Secretary or other appropriate official of the Department substituted or added as a party.

**(f) Reviewability of orders and actions under transferred functions**

Orders and actions of the Secretary in the exercise of functions transferred under any subchapter of this chapter shall be subject to judicial review to the same extent and in the same manner as if such orders and actions had been by the Federal agency or office, or part thereof, exercising such functions immediately preceding their transfer. Any statutory requirements relating to notice, hearings, action upon the record, or administrative review that apply to any function transferred by any subchapter of this chapter shall apply to the exercise of such function by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XVI, § 1615, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-800.)

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The effective dates of the respective subchapters of this chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(2), (b)(1), (c)(1),

and (e), was in the original, references to the effective dates of the respective titles of this subdivision, meaning the effective dates of titles XI to XVI of subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105-277, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 765. Titles XI and XVI of subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105-277 are effective Oct. 21, 1998. For the effective dates of titles XII, XIII, XIV, and XV of subdiv. A of div. G of Pub. L. 105-277, see sections 1201, 1301, 1401, and 1501, respectively, of div. G of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as notes under sections 6511, 6531, 6561, and 6581, respectively, of this title.

#### § 6616. Authority of Secretary of State to facilitate transition

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the head of the appropriate Federal agency exercising functions transferred under this chapter, may transfer the whole or part of such functions prior to the effective dates established in this chapter, including the transfer of personnel and funds associated with such functions.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XVI, § 1616, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-801.)

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#### § 6617. Final report

Not later than January 1, 2001, the President, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report which provides a final accounting of the finances and operations of the agencies abolished under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XVI, § 1617, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-801.)

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### § 6701. Definitions

In this chapter:

#### (1) Chemical weapon

The term “chemical weapon” means the following, together or separately:

(A) A toxic chemical and its precursors, except where intended for a purpose not prohibited under this chapter as long as the type and quantity is consistent with such a purpose.

(B) A munition or device, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through toxic properties of those toxic chemicals specified in subparagraph (A), which would be released as a result of the employment of such munition or device.

(C) Any equipment specifically designed for use directly in connection with the employment of munitions or devices specified in subparagraph (B).

#### (2) Chemical Weapons Convention; Convention

The terms “Chemical Weapons Convention” and “Convention” mean the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature on January 13, 1993.

#### (3) Key component of a binary or multicomponent chemical system

The term “key component of a binary or multicomponent chemical system” means the precursor which plays the most important role in determining the toxic properties of the final product and reacts rapidly with other chemicals in the binary or multicomponent system.

#### (4) National of the United States

The term “national of the United States” has the same meaning given such term in section 1101(a)(22) of title 8.

#### (5) Organization

The term “Organization” means the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

#### (6) Person

The term “person”, except as otherwise provided, means any individual, corporation,