

to whether the individual is in compliance with paragraph (2) may be suspended by the Inspector General if the Office of Inspector General fails to comply with the reporting and review requirements under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or paragraph (4). Any suspension of authority under this subparagraph shall be reported to the appropriate committees of Congress.

(4) To ensure the proper exercise of the law enforcement powers authorized under this subsection, the Office of Inspector General shall submit to and participate in the external review process established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency for ensuring that adequate internal safeguards and management procedures continue to exist. Under the review process, the exercise of the law enforcement powers by the Office of Inspector General shall be reviewed periodically by another Office of Inspector General or by a committee of Inspectors General. The results of each review shall be communicated in writing to the Inspector General, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and the appropriate committees of Congress.

(5) Any allegation of misconduct by an individual granted authority under paragraph (1) may be reviewed by the Integrity Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

(6) In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Rules and Administration and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(d) The Director of the Government Publishing Office shall include the annual budget request of the Inspector General in the budget of the Government Publishing Office without change.

(Added Pub. L. 100-504, title II, § 202, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2531; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, § 1301(b), (c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537; Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title XVI, §§ 1603(c), 1604(c), 1605(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3216, 3219, 3220.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b)(3), and (c)(3)(A), are sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Pub. L. 95-452, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-94, § 1605(c), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted “, without the supervision or approval of any other employee, office, or other entity within the Government Publishing Office,” after “is authorized”, and added pars. (2) and (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-94, § 1603(c), added subsec. (c).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-94, § 1604(c), added subsec. (d).

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-235, § 1301(c)(1), substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer” in introductory provisions and par. (2).

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” wherever appearing in

text on authority of section 1301(b) of Pub. L. 113-235, set out as a note preceding section 301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Oct. 18, 1988, see section 206 of 100-504, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

CHAPTER 41—ACCESS TO FEDERAL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

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§ 4101. Electronic directory; online access to publications; electronic storage facility

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Documents, under the direction of the Director of the Government Publishing Office, shall—

(1) maintain an electronic directory of Federal electronic information;

(2) provide a system of online access to the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and, as determined by the Superintendent of Documents, other appropriate publications distributed by the Superintendent of Documents; and

(3) operate an electronic storage facility for Federal electronic information to which online access is made available under paragraph (2).

(b) DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.—To the extent practicable, the Superintendent of Documents shall accommodate any request by the head of a department or agency to include in the system of access referred to in subsection (a)(2) information that is under the control of the department or agency involved.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the Superintendent of Documents shall consult—

(1) users of the directory and the system of access provided for under subsection (a); and

(2) other providers of similar information services.

The purpose of such consultation shall be to assess the quality and value of the directory and the system, in light of user needs.

(Added Pub. L. 103-40, § 2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 112; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, § 1301(c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-235 substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer” in introductory provisions.

STATUS REPORT

Pub. L. 103-40, § 3, June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113, required the Public Printer to submit a report to Congress on the status of the directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage facility referred to in section 4101 of this title by June 30, 1994.

OPERATIONAL DEADLINE

Pub. L. 103-40, § 4(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113, provided that: “The directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage facility referred to in section

4101 of title 44, United States Code, as added by section 2(a), shall be operational not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [June 8, 1993].”

§ 4102. Fees

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Superintendent of Documents, under the direction of the Director of the Government Publishing Office, may charge reasonable fees for use of the directory and the system of access provided for under section 4101, except that use of the directory and the system shall be made available to depository libraries without charge. The fees received shall be treated in the same manner as moneys received from sale of documents under section 1702 of this title.

(b) **COST RECOVERY.**—The fees charged under this section shall be set so as to recover the incremental cost of dissemination of the information involved, with the cost to be computed without regard to section 1708 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 103–40, §2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113; amended Pub. L. 113–235, div. H, title I, §1301(c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113–235 substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer”.

§ 4103. Biennial report

Not later than December 31 of each odd-numbered year, the Director of the Government Pub-

lishing Office shall submit to the Congress, with respect to the two preceding fiscal years, a report on the directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage facility referred to in section 4101(a). The report shall include a description of the functions involved, including a statement of cost savings in comparison with traditional forms of information distribution.

(Added Pub. L. 103–40, §2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113; amended Pub. L. 113–235, div. H, title I, §1301(c)(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113–235 substituted “Director of the Government Publishing Office” for “Public Printer”.

FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT

Pub. L. 103–40, §4(b), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 114, provided that: “The first report referred to in section 4103 of title 44, United States Code, as added by section 2(a), shall be submitted not later than December 31, 1995.”

§ 4104. Definition

As used in this chapter, the term “Federal electronic information” means Federal public information stored electronically.

(Added Pub. L. 103–40, §2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113.)