

**§ 3913. Delegation of authorities**

The President may delegate the duties and authorities under this chapter to such officers, officials, departments, or agencies of the United States Government as the President deems appropriate.

(Pub. L. 108–19, §14, Apr. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 636.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

For effective date of this section, see section 15 of Pub. L. 108–19, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

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*For termination of chapter by section 107(d) of Pub. L. 109–53, see Effective and Termination Dates note set out under section 4001 of this title.*

**§ 4001. Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to approve and implement the Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua entered into under the authority of section 3803(b) of this title;

(2) to strengthen and develop economic relations between the United States, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua for their mutual benefit;

(3) to establish free trade between the United States, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua through the reduction and elimination of barriers to trade in goods and services and to investment; and

(4) to lay the foundation for further cooperation to expand and enhance the benefits of the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 109–53, §2, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 463.)

**TERMINATION OF SECTION**

*For termination of section by section 107(d) of Pub. L. 109–53, see Effective and Termination Dates note below.*

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 109–53, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 462, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

**EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES**

Pub. L. 109–53, title I, §107, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 466, provided that:

“(a) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), the provisions of this Act [see Short Title note set out below] and the amendments made by this Act take effect on the date the Agreement [Dominican Republic–Central America–United States Free Trade Agreement] enters into force [Mar. 1, 2006].

“(b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—Sections 1 through 3 and this title [enacting this section, section 4002 of this title, and provisions set out as a note below] take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 2, 2005].

“(c) **TERMINATION OF CAFTA–DR STATUS.**—During any period in which a country ceases to be a CAFTA–DR country, the provisions of this Act (other than this subsection) and the amendments made by this Act shall cease to have effect with respect to that country.

“(d) **TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT.**—On the date on which the Agreement ceases to be in force with respect to the United States, the provisions of this Act (other than this subsection) and the amendments made by this Act shall cease to have effect.”

[For definition of “CAFTA–DR country” as used in section 107(c) of Pub. L. 109–53, set out above, see section 4002 of this title.]

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 109–53, §1(a), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 462, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, amending sections 58c, 1508, 1514, 1520, 1592, 2252, 2518, 2702, and