

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-380 applicable to incidents occurring after Aug. 18, 1990, see section 1020 of Pub. L. 101-380, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2701 of this title.

§ 1487. Effective date

This chapter shall be effective upon February 5, 1974, or upon the date the convention becomes effective as to the United States, whichever is later.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §18, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date the convention became effective as to the United States, referred to in text, is May 6, 1975.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-302, §2, June 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 345, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 1471 to 1473, 1479, 1482, and 1484 of this title] shall be effective upon the date of enactment [June 26, 1978], or upon the date the protocol becomes effective as to the United States, whichever is later." [The protocol was adopted by the United States on Sept. 7, 1978, to be effective as to the United States upon its adoption by 15 countries. The protocol became effective as to the United States Mar. 30, 1983.]

CHAPTER 29—DEEPWATER PORTS

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§ 1501. Congressional declaration of policy

(a) It is declared to be the purposes of the Congress in this chapter to—

- (1) authorize and regulate the location, ownership, construction, and operation of deepwater ports in waters beyond the territorial limits of the United States;

(2) provide for the protection of the marine and coastal environment to prevent or minimize any adverse impact which might occur as a consequence of the development of such ports;

(3) protect the interests of the United States and those of adjacent coastal States in the location, construction, and operation of deepwater ports;

(4) protect the rights and responsibilities of States and communities to regulate growth, determine land use, and otherwise protect the environment in accordance with law;

(5) promote the construction and operation of deepwater ports as a safe and effective means of importing oil or natural gas into the United States and transporting oil or natural gas from the outer continental shelf¹ while minimizing tanker traffic and the risks attendant thereto; and

(6) promote oil or natural gas production on the outer continental shelf¹ by affording an economic and safe means of transportation of outer continental shelf¹ oil or natural gas to the United States mainland.

(b) The Congress declares that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect the legal status of the high seas, the superjacent airspace, or the seabed and subsoil, including the Continental Shelf.

(Pub. L. 93-627, §2, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2126; Pub. L. 104-324, title V, §502(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3925; Pub. L. 107-295, title I, §106(a)(1), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2086.)

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AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a)(5), (6). Pub. L. 107-295 inserted "or natural gas" after "oil" wherever appearing.

1996—Subsec. (a)(5), (6). Pub. L. 104-324 added pars. (5) and (6).

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SHORT TITLE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-324, title V, §501, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3925, provided that: "This title [amending this section and sections 1502 to 1504, 1507, and 1509 of this title, repealing section 1506 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the 'Deepwater Port Modernization Act'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-419, §1, Sept. 25, 1984, 98 Stat. 1607, provided: "That this Act [amending sections 1502, 1503, 1504, 1506, 1507, 1517, and 1518 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1518 of this title] may be cited as the 'Deepwater Port Act Amendments of 1984'."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 93-627, §1, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2126, provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter and amending section 1333 of Title 43, Public Lands] may be cited as the 'Deepwater Port Act of 1974'."

CONGRESSIONAL PURPOSES FOR 1996 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 104-324, title V, §502(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3925, provided that: "The purposes of this title [see Short Title of 1996 Amendment note above] are to—

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.