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**§ 5601. Sea post service**

The Postal Service may maintain sea post service on ocean vessels conveying mail to and from the United States.

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**§ 5602. Termination of contracts for foreign transportation**

Contracts for the transportation of mail by vessel between the United States and a foreign port shall be made subject to cancellation by the Postal Service or the Congress.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773.)

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**§ 5603. Transportation of mail by vessel as freight or express**

The Postal Service may require that mail be transported by freight or express when—

- (1) there is no competition on a water route and the rate or compensation asked is excessive; or
- (2) no proposal is received.

A common carrier by water that fails or refuses to transport the mail when required to do so under this section shall be fined not more than \$500 for each day of refusal.

**§ 5604. Fines on ocean carriers**

The Postal Service may impose or remit fines on carriers transporting mail by vessel on routes extending beyond the borders of the United States for—

- (1) unreasonable or unnecessary delay to the mails; and
- (2) other delinquencies in the transportation of mail.

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**§ 5605. Contracts for transportation of mail by vessel**

The Postal Service may contract for the transportation of mail by vessel without advertising for bids.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773; Pub. L. 109-435, title X, §1002(b)(3), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3255.)

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-438 struck out “for periods of not in excess of 4 years” before period at end.

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