

servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802)) within the exclusive economic zone, if the owner or the representative or agent of the owner knowingly falsified or concealed a material fact, or knowingly made a false statement or representation, about the eligibility of the vessel under section 12113(c) or (d) of this title in applying for or applying to renew the fishery endorsement.

(Pub. L. 109-304, § 5, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1508; Pub. L. 112-213, title III, § 309, Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1566.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
12151(a)	46:12122(a).	
12151(b)	46:12122(b). 46 App.:14 (last proviso).	R.S. §4136 (last proviso); Feb. 24, 1915, ch. 57, 38 Stat. 812; Pub. L. 103-182, title VI, § 686(a)(4), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2220. July 14, 1956, ch. 600, § 2 (2d, last sentences), 70 Stat. 544; Pub. L. 86-583, § 2, July 5, 1960, 74 Stat. 321.
	46 App.:883a (2d, last sentences).	
12151(c)	46:12122(c).	

In subsection (b), in restating 46 App. U.S.C. 883a (2d, last sentences), the penalty of \$200 for the owner and master of the vessel is omitted because subsection (a) provides a general civil penalty for violation of this chapter. The authority to remit or mitigate a penalty under section 2107(b) is omitted because section 2107(b) applies to subtitle II and this section is in subtitle II.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-213 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted par. (1) heading, substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (2), a person that violates” for “A person that violates” and “\$15,000” for “\$10,000”, and added par. (2).

§ 12152. Denial or revocation of endorsement for non-payment of civil penalty

If the owner of a vessel fails to pay a civil penalty imposed by the Secretary, the Secretary may deny the issuance or renewal of an endorsement, or revoke the endorsement, on a certificate of documentation issued for the vessel under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 109-304, § 5, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1508.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
12152	46:12123.	

CHAPTER 123—NUMBERING UNDOCUMENTED VESSELS

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§ 12301. Numbering vessels

(a) An undocumented vessel equipped with propulsion machinery of any kind shall have a number issued by the proper issuing authority in the State in which the vessel principally is operated.

(b) The Secretary may require an undocumented barge of more than 100 gross tons operating on the navigable waters of the United States to be numbered.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 590; Pub. L. 102-587, title V, § 5305, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5083; Pub. L. 115-282, title V, § 513, Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4276.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source section (U.S. Code)
12301	46:1466

Section 12301 requires that undocumented vessels that are propelled by machinery be issued an identification number by the proper issuing authority in the State in which the vessel is primarily operated.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-282 substituted “may” for “shall” and inserted “of” after “barge”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-587 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

§ 12302. Standard numbering system

(a) The Secretary shall prescribe by regulation a standard numbering system for vessels to which this chapter applies. On application by a State, the Secretary shall approve a State numbering system that is consistent with the standard numbering system. In carrying out its numbering system, a State shall adopt any definitions of relevant terms prescribed by regulations of the Secretary.

(b) A State with an approved numbering system is the issuing authority within the meaning of this chapter. The Secretary is the issuing authority in a State in which a State numbering system has not been approved.

(c) When a vessel is numbered in a State, it is deemed in compliance with the numbering system of a State in which it temporarily is operated.

(d) When a vessel is removed to a new State of principal operation, the issuing authority of that State shall recognize the validity of the number issued by the original State for 60 days.

(e) If a State has a numbering system approved after the Secretary issues a number, the State shall recognize the validity of the number issued by the Secretary for one year.

(f) When the Secretary decides that a State numbering system is not being carried out consistent with the standard numbering system or the State has changed the system without the Secretary’s approval, the Secretary may withdraw approval after giving notice to the State, in writing, stating the reasons for the withdrawal.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 590.)