

tained, including to possess, own, transport, use, and sell the asteroid resource or space resource obtained in accordance with applicable law, including the international obligations of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 114-90, title IV, § 402(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 721.)

CHAPTER 515—OFFICE OF SPACEPORTS

Sec.¹

51501.¹ Establishment of Office of Spaceports.¹

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-254, div. B, title V, § 580(b)(1), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3395, added chapter 515 and item 51501.

§ 51501. Establishment of Office of Spaceports

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall identify, within the Office of Commercial Space Transportation, a centralized policy office to be known as the Office of Spaceports.

(b) FUNCTIONS.—The Office of Spaceports shall—

(1) support licensing activities for operation of launch and reentry sites;

(2) develop policies that promote infrastructure improvements at spaceports;

(3) provide technical assistance and guidance to spaceports;

(4) promote United States spaceports within the Department; and

(5) strengthen the Nation's competitiveness in commercial space transportation infrastructure and increase resilience for the Federal Government and commercial customers.

(c) RECOGNITION.—In carrying out the functions assigned in subsection (b), the Secretary shall recognize the unique needs and distinctions of spaceports that host—¹

(1) launches to or reentries from orbit; and

(2) are involved in suborbital launch activities.

(d) DIRECTOR.—The head of the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation shall designate a Director of the Office of Spaceports.

(e) DEFINITION.—In this section the term “spaceport” means a launch or reentry site that is operated by an entity licensed by the Secretary of Transportation.

(Added Pub. L. 115-254, div. B, title V, § 580(b)(1), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3395.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 115-254, which was approved Oct. 5, 2018.

¹ Editorially supplied. Section added by Pub. L. 115-254 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

¹ So in original. The dash probably should follow “that” and the word “host” probably should appear at the beginning of par. (1).

Subtitle VI—Earth Observations

CHAPTER 601—LAND REMOTE SENSING POLICY

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

Sec.

60101. Definitions.

SUBCHAPTER II—LANDSAT

60111. Landsat Program Management.

60112. Transfer of Landsat 6 program responsibilities.

60113. Data policy for Landsat 7.

SUBCHAPTER III—LICENSING OF PRIVATE REMOTE SENSING SPACE SYSTEMS

60121. General licensing authority.

60122. Conditions for operation.

60123. Administrative authority of Secretary.

60124. Regulatory authority of Secretary.

60125. Agency activities.

60126. Annual reports.

SUBCHAPTER IV—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION

60131. Continued Federal research and development.

60132. Availability of federally gathered unenhanced data.

60133. Technology demonstration program.

60134. Preference for private sector land remote sensing system.

SUBCHAPTER V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

60141. Nondiscriminatory data availability.

60142. Archiving of data.

60143. Nonreproduction.

60144. Reimbursement for assistance.

60145. Acquisition of equipment.

60146. Radio frequency allocation.

60147. Consultation.

60148. Enforcement.

SUBCHAPTER VI—PROHIBITION OF COMMERCIALIZATION OF WEATHER SATELLITES

60161. Prohibition.

60162. Future considerations.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-90, title II, § 201(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 719, added item 60126.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 60101. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) COST OF FULFILLING USER REQUESTS.—The term “cost of fulfilling user requests” means the incremental costs associated with providing product generation, reproduction, and distribution of unenhanced data in response to user requests and shall not include any acquisition, amortization, or depreciation of capital assets originally paid for by the United States Government or other costs not specifically attributable to fulfilling user requests.

(2) DATA CONTINUITY.—The term “data continuity” means the continued acquisition and availability of unenhanced data which are, from the point of view of the user—

(A) sufficiently consistent (in terms of acquisition geometry, coverage characteristics, and spectral characteristics) with previous Landsat data to allow comparisons for