

respect to a vessel, means design through computer aided models, that—

(A) fixes the major hull structure of the vessel;

(B) sets the hydrodynamics of the vessel; and

(C) routes major portions of all distributive systems of the vessel, including electricity, water, and other utilities.

(2) **FIRST SHIP.**—The term “first ship” applies to a ship if—

(A) the ship is the first ship to be constructed under that shipbuilding program; or

(B) the shipyard at which the ship is to be constructed has not previously started construction on a ship under that shipbuilding program.

(3) **MAJOR SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM.**—The term “major shipbuilding program” means a program for the construction of combatant and support vessels required for the naval vessel force, as reported within the annual naval vessel construction plan required by section 231 of this title.

(4) **PRODUCTION READINESS REVIEW.**—The term “production readiness review” means a formal examination of a program prior to the start of construction to determine if the design is ready for production, production engineering problems have been resolved, and the producer has accomplished adequate planning for the production phase.

(5) **START OF CONSTRUCTION.**—The term “start of construction” means the beginning of fabrication of the hull and superstructure of the ship.

(Added Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title X, §1013(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1892.)

**§ 8670. Contracts for nuclear ships: sales of naval shipyard articles and services to private shipyards**

The conditions set forth in section 2208(j)(1)(B) of this title and subsections (a)(1) and (c)(1)(A) of section 2563 of this title shall not apply to a sale by a naval shipyard of articles or services to a private shipyard that is made at the request of the private shipyard in order to facilitate the private shipyard’s fulfillment of a Department of Defense contract with respect to a nuclear ship. This section does not authorize a naval shipyard to construct a nuclear ship for the private shipyard, to perform a majority of the work called for in a contract with a private entity, or to provide articles or services not requested by the private shipyard.

(Added Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title X, §1016(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 744, §7300; amended Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1033(c)(3)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–261; renumbered §8670, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7300 of this title as this section.

2000—Pub. L. 106–398 substituted “section 2563” for “section 2553”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 115–232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115–232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**§ 8671. Determination of vessel delivery dates**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The delivery of a covered vessel shall be deemed to occur on the date on which—

(1) the Secretary of the Navy determines that the vessel is assembled and complete; and

(2) custody of the vessel and all systems contained in the vessel transfers to the Navy.

(b) **INCLUSION IN BUDGET AND ACQUISITION REPORTS.**—The delivery dates of covered vessels shall be included—

(1) in the materials submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense in support of the budget of the President for each fiscal year (as submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code); and

(2) in any relevant Selected Acquisition Report submitted to Congress under section 4351 of this title.

(c) **LISTING AS BATTLE FORCE SHIP IN NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER.**—A covered vessel may not be listed in the Naval Vessel Register or other fleet inventory measures as a battle force ship until the delivery date specified in subsection (a).

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered vessel” means any vessel of the Navy that is under construction or constructed using amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for shipbuilding and conversion, Navy.

(2) The term “battle force ship” means the following:

(A) A commissioned United States Ship warship capable of contributing to combat operations.

(B) A United States Naval Ship that contributes directly to Navy warfighting or support missions.

(Added Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title I, §121(a)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2029, §7301; renumbered §8671 and amended Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), title X, §1014, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836, 1948; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title XVIII, §1849(f), formerly §1849(m), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4264, renumbered §1849(f) and amended Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVII, §1701(o)(5)(B), (6)(D), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2147.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116–283, §1849(f), formerly §1849(m), as renumbered and amended by Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(o)(5)(B), (6)(D), substituted “section 4351” for “section 2432”.

2018—Pub. L. 115–232, §807(d)(2), renumbered section 7301 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115–232, §1014(a)(2), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115–232, §1014(b), added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In this section, the term ‘covered

vessel' means any vessel of the Navy that is under construction on or after the date of the enactment of this section using amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for shipbuilding and conversion, Navy."

Pub. L. 115-232, § 1014(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 117-81 applicable as if included in the enactment of title XVIII of Pub. L. 116-283 as enacted, see section 1701(a)(2) of Pub. L. 117-81, set out in a note preceding section 3001 of this title and note below.

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 807(d)(2) of Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

##### CERTIFICATION

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title I, § 121(b), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2030, provided that:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2017, the Secretary of the Navy shall certify to the congressional defense committees [Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives] that the delivery dates of the following vessels have been adjusted in accordance with section 7301 [now 8671] of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a):

"(A) The U.S.S. John F. Kennedy (CVN-79).

"(B) The U.S.S. Zumwalt (DDG-1000).

"(C) The U.S.S. Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001).

"(D) The U.S.S. Lyndon B. Johnson (DDG-1002).

"(E) Any other vessel of the Navy that is under construction on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2016].

"(2) CONTENTS.—The certification under paragraph (1) shall include—

"(A) an identification of each vessel for which the delivery date was adjusted; and

"(B) the delivery date of each such vessel, as so adjusted."

#### § 8673. Model Basin; investigation of hull designs

The Secretary of the Navy may authorize experiments to be made at the Model Basin for private persons. The costs of experiments made for private persons shall be paid by those persons under regulations prescribed by the Secretary. The results of private experiments are confidential and may not be divulged without the consent of the persons for whom they are made. However, the data obtained from such experiments may be used by the Secretary for governmental purposes, subject to the patent laws of the United States.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 451, § 7303; Pub. L. 89-718, § 41, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1120; renumbered § 8673 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(2), title X, § 1015(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836, 1949.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7303 .....	5 U.S.C. 430a.	May 6, 1936, ch. 333, 49 Stat. 1263; June 20, 1940, ch. 400, § 1(a), (b), 54 Stat. 492.

In subsection (a) the authority to purchase a site and construct the model basin is omitted as executed. The words "David W. Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland" are inserted to designate the model basin established under this authority. The words "investigations to determine" are substituted for the words "work of investigating and determining." The phrase "vessels, including aircraft" is changed to read "vessels and aircraft", and the words "their design" are substituted for "ship design".

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, § 807(d)(2), renumbered section 7303 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 115-232, § 1015(a), struck out subsec. (b) designation before "The Secretary" and struck out subsec. (a) which read as follows: "An office or agency in the Department of the Navy designated by the Secretary of the Navy shall conduct at the David W. Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, investigations to determine the most suitable shapes and forms for United States vessels and aircraft and investigations of other problems of their design."

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted "An officer or agency of the Department of the Navy designated by the Secretary of the Navy" for "The Bureau of Ships".

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 807(d)(2) of Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### § 8674. Examination of vessels; striking of vessels from Naval Vessel Register

(a) BOARDS OF OFFICERS TO EXAMINE NAVAL VESSELS.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy shall designate boards of naval officers to examine naval vessels, including unfinished vessels, for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Secretary as to which vessels, if any, should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. Each vessel shall be examined at least once every three years if practicable.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), any naval vessel examined under this section on or after January 1, 2020, shall be examined with minimal notice provided to the crew of the vessel.

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a vessel undergoing necessary trials before acceptance into the fleet.

(b) ACTIONS BY BOARD.—A board designated under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary in writing its recommendations as to which vessels, if any, among those it examined should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

(c) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary concurs with a recommendation by a board that a vessel should be stricken from the Naval Ves-