

ter 15 of title 31, the United States Information Agency is authorized, in making contracts for the use of international shortwave radio stations and facilities, to agree on behalf of the United States to indemnify the owners and operators of said radio stations and facilities from such funds as may be hereafter appropriated for the purpose against loss or damage on account of injury to persons or property arising from such use of said radio stations and facilities.

(Pub. L. 95-431, title V, §501, Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-241, title III, §303(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 291.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

“Sections 1341, 1342, and 1349 to 1351 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31” substituted in text for “section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 665)” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

Section was enacted as part of appropriation act, cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 which comprises this chapter.

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Aug. 2, 1977, Pub. L. 95-86, title V, 91 Stat. 441.  
 July 14, 1976, Pub. L. 94-362, title V, 90 Stat. 960.  
 Oct. 21, 1975, Pub. L. 94-121, title V, 89 Stat. 639.  
 Oct. 5, 1974, Pub. L. 93-433, title V, 88 Stat. 1207.  
 Nov. 27, 1973, Pub. L. 93-162, title V, 87 Stat. 657.  
 Oct. 25, 1972, Pub. L. 92-544, title V, 86 Stat. 1132.  
 Aug. 10, 1971, Pub. L. 92-77, title V, 85 Stat. 269.  
 Oct. 21, 1970, Pub. L. 91-472, title V, 84 Stat. 1062.  
 Dec. 24, 1969, Pub. L. 91-153, title V, 83 Stat. 425.  
 Aug. 9, 1968, Pub. L. 90-470, title V, 82 Stat. 690.  
 Nov. 8, 1967, Pub. L. 90-133, title V, 81 Stat. 433.  
 Nov. 8, 1966, Pub. L. 89-797, title V, 80 Stat. 1504.  
 Sept. 2, 1965, Pub. L. 89-164, title V, 79 Stat. 643.  
 Aug. 31, 1964, Pub. L. 88-527, title V, 78 Stat. 734.  
 Dec. 30, 1963, Pub. L. 88-245, title V, 77 Stat. 800.  
 Oct. 18, 1962, Pub. L. 87-843, title V, 76 Stat. 1104.  
 Sept. 21, 1961, Pub. L. 87-264, title IV, 75 Stat. 557.  
 Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-678, title IV, 74 Stat. 569.  
 July 13, 1959, Pub. L. 86-84, title IV, 73 Stat. 194.  
 June 30, 1958, Pub. L. 85-474, title IV, 72 Stat. 257.  
 June 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-49, title IV, 71 Stat. 67.  
 June 20, 1956, ch. 414, title IV, 70 Stat. 312.  
 July 7, 1955, ch. 279, title IV, 69 Stat. 279.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 456, title IV, 68 Stat. 432.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“United States Information Agency” substituted in text for “International Communication Agency” pursuant to section 303(b) of Pub. L. 97-241, set out as a note under section 1461 of this title. United States Information Agency (other than Broadcasting Board of Governors and International Broadcasting Bureau) abolished and functions transferred to Secretary of State, see sections 6531 and 6532 of this title.

#### § 1461c. Omitted

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 90-470, title V, Aug. 9, 1968, 82 Stat. 690, which related to a one year extension to existing appointments and assignments to the Foreign Service

Reserve for foreign information and educational activities which would otherwise have expired, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Nov. 8, 1967, Pub. L. 90-133, title V, 81 Stat. 433.  
 Nov. 8, 1966, Pub. L. 89-797, title V, 80 Stat. 1504, 1505.  
 Sept. 2, 1965, Pub. L. 89-164, title V, 79 Stat. 643.  
 Aug. 31, 1964, Pub. L. 88-527, title V, 78 Stat. 734.  
 Dec. 30, 1963, Pub. L. 88-245, title V, 77 Stat. 800.  
 Oct. 18, 1962, Pub. L. 87-843, title V, 76 Stat. 1104.  
 Sept. 21, 1961, Pub. L. 87-264, title IV, 75 Stat. 558.  
 Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-678, title IV, 74 Stat. 569.  
 July 13, 1959, Pub. L. 86-84, title IV, 73 Stat. 194.  
 June 30, 1958, Pub. L. 85-474, title IV, 72 Stat. 258.  
 June 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-49, title IV, 71 Stat. 68.  
 June 20, 1956, ch. 414, title IV, 70 Stat. 312.  
 July 7, 1955, ch. 279, title IV, 69 Stat. 279.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 456, title IV, 68 Stat. 432.

#### § 1462. Policies governing information activities

In authorizing international information activities under this chapter, it is the sense of the Congress (1) that the Secretary and the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall reduce such Government information activities whenever corresponding private information dissemination is found to be adequate; (2) that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to give the Department or the Broadcasting Board of Governors a monopoly in the production or sponsorship on the air of short-wave broadcasting programs, or a monopoly in any other medium of information.

(Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, title V, §502, 62 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1078(d)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1958.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239 inserted “and the Broadcasting Board of Governors” after “Secretary” and “or the Broadcasting Board of Governors” after “Department”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CHANGE OF NAME

Broadcasting Board of Governors renamed United States Agency for Global Media pursuant to section 6204(a)(22) of this title. The renaming was effectuated by notice to congressional appropriations committees dated May 24, 2018, and became effective Aug. 22, 2018.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-239 effective and applicable on the date that is 180 days after Jan. 2, 2013, see section 1078(e) of Pub. L. 112-239, set out as a note under section 1437 of this title.

#### § 1463. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 315(a), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 445

Section, act Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, title V, §503, as added July 12, 1976, Pub. L. 94-350, title II, §206, 90 Stat. 831; amended 1977 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §§5, 7(a)(1), 42 F.R. 62461, 91 Stat. 1636, 1637; Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title III, §303(b), 96 Stat. 291, related to principles governing communications of Voice of America broadcasts.

#### § 1464. Voice of America/Europe

As part of its duties and programs under this subchapter, Voice of America/Europe shall—

(1) target news and features in accordance with the findings and recommendations of the Young European Survey;

(2) conduct periodic audience evaluations and measurements; and

(3) promote and advertise Voice of America/Europe.

(Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, title V, § 504, as added Pub. L. 100-204, title IV, § 402, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1381.)

**§ 1464a. Broadcasting Board of Governors satellite and television**

**(a) In general**

The Broadcasting Board of Governors is authorized to lease or otherwise acquire time on commercial or United States Government satellites for the purpose of transmitting materials and programs to posts and other users abroad.

**(b) Broadcast principles**

The Congress finds that the long-term interests of the United States are served by communicating directly with the peoples of the world by television. To be effective, the Broadcasting Board of Governors must win the attention and respect of viewers. These principles will therefore govern the television broadcasts of the United States International Television Service:

(1) The United States International Television Service will serve as a consistently reliable and authoritative source of news. The United States International Television Service news will be accurate and objective.

(2) The United States International Television Service will represent the United States, not any single segment of American society and will, therefore, present a balanced and comprehensive projection of significant American thought and institutions.

(3) The United States International Television Service will present the policies of the United States clearly and effectively and will also present responsible discussions and opinion on these policies.

**(c) Programs**

The Broadcasting Board of Governors is authorized to produce, acquire, or broadcast television programs, via satellite, only if such programs—

(1) are interactive, consisting of interviews among participants in different locales;

(2) cover news, public affairs, or other current events;

(3) cover official activities of government, Federal or State, including congressional proceedings and news briefings of any agency of the Executive branch; or

(4) are of an artistic or scientific character or are otherwise representative of American culture.

**(d) Costs**

When a comparable program produced by United States public or commercial broadcasters and producers is available at a cost which is equal to or less than the cost of production by the United States International Television Service, the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall use such materials in preference to the United States International Television Service produced materials.

**(e) Allocation of funds**

(1) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the Broadcasting Board of Governors not

more than \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year 1990 and not more than \$12,480,000 for the fiscal year 1991 may be obligated or expended for the United States International Television Service.

(2) The Broadcasting Board of Governors shall prepare and submit to the Congress quarterly reports which contain a detailed explanation of expenditures for the United States International Television Service during the fiscal years 1990 and 1991. Such reports shall contain specific justification and supporting information pertaining to all programs, particularly those described in subsection (c)(4), that were produced in-house by the United States International Television Service. Each such report shall include a statement by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that, according to the best information available to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, no comparable United States commercially-produced or public television program is available at a cost which is equal to or less than the cost of production by the United States International Television Service.

(3) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 1990 and \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 1991 shall be available only for the purchase or use of programs produced with grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting or produced by United States public broadcasters.

(Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, title V, § 505, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title II, § 205(a), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 50; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1335(a)(1), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-786.)

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AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(A), substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “Director of the United States Information Agency”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(B), (C)(i), in introductory provisions, substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “United States Information Agency” and “television broadcasts of the United States International Television Service” for “Agency’s television broadcasts (hereinafter in this section referred to as ‘USIA-TV’)”.

Subsec. (b)(1) to (3). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(C)(ii), substituted “The United States International Television Service” for “USIA-TV”, wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(A), substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “Director of the United States Information Agency” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(A), (D), substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “Director of the United States Information Agency” and substituted “the United States International Television Service” for “USIA-TV” in two places.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(B), (D), substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “United States Information Agency” and “the United States International Television Service” for “USIA-TV”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(D), substituted “the United States International Television Service” for “USIA-TV”, wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 105-277, § 1335(a)(1)(A), (B), in first sentence, substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “United States Information Agency”, and in last sentence, substituted “Broadcasting Board of Governors”