

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(7), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director” and “section” for “subsection”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

**§ 2573. Policy formulation****(a) Formulation**

The Secretary of State shall prepare for the President, and the heads of such other Government agencies as the President may determine, recommendations and advice concerning United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy.

**(b) Prohibition**

No action shall be taken pursuant to this chapter or any other Act that would obligate the United States to reduce or limit the Armed Forces or armaments of the United States in a militarily significant manner, except pursuant to the treaty-making power of the President set forth in Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution or unless authorized by the enactment of further affirmative legislation by the Congress of the United States.

**(c) Statutory construction**

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any policy or action by any Government agency which would interfere with, restrict, or prohibit the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense, sport, recreation, education, or training.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §303, formerly §33, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; Pub. L. 88-186, §3, Nov. 26, 1963, 77 Stat. 342; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, §709, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 494; renumbered §303 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(8), (21), subdiv. B, title XXVI, §2602, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772, 2681-839.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c), was in the original “this chapter” and was translated as reading “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-297, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 631, known as the Arms Control and Disarmament Act, which is classified generally to this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(8), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director” and struck out “the Secretary of State,” after “the President,”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, §2602, added subsec. (c).

1994—Pub. L. 103-236 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The Director is authorized and directed to prepare for the President, the Secretary of State, and the heads of such other Government agencies, as the President may determine, recommendations concerning United States arms control and disarmament policy: *Provided, however,* That

no action shall be taken under this chapter or any other law that will obligate the United States to disarm or to reduce or to limit the Armed Forces or armaments of the United States, except pursuant to the treaty making power of the President under the Constitution or unless authorized by further affirmative legislation by the Congress of the United States. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any policy or action by any Government agency which would interfere with, restrict, or prohibit the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense, sport, recreation, education, or training.”

1963—Pub. L. 88-186 inserted provision precluding construction of this chapter to authorize the regulation of the possession of firearms by an individual.

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## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1223(8), (21) of Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

**§ 2574. Negotiation management****(a) Responsibilities**

The Secretary of State, under the direction of the President, shall have primary responsibility for the preparation, conduct, and management of United States participation in all international negotiations and implementation fora in the field of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament. In furtherance of these responsibilities, Special Representatives of the President appointed pursuant to section 2567 of this title, shall, as directed by the President, serve as United States Government representatives to international organizations, conferences, and activities relating to the field of nonproliferation, such as the preparations for and conduct of the review relating to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

**(b) Authority**

The Secretary of State is authorized—

(1) to formulate plans and make preparations for the establishment, operation, and funding of inspections and control systems which may become part of the United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament activities; and

(2) as authorized by law, to put into effect, direct, or otherwise assume United States responsibility for such systems.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §304, formerly §34, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, §710, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 494; renumbered §304 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(9), (21), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772.)

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## AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(9)(A)(v), (vi), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 2567 of this title, and struck out “the” after “serve as” in second sentence.

Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(9)(A)(iv), which directed amendment of subsec. (a) by striking “and shall have primary responsibility, whenever directed by the President, for