

The Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899, referred to in par. (3)(E), is act Mar. 3, 1899, ch. 425, 30 Stat. 1151, as amended, which enacted sections 401, 403, 404, 406 to 409, 411 to 416, 418, 502, 549, 686, and 687 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, §4001, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4154, provided that: "This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Shore Protection Act of 1988'."

#### Executive Documents

##### TERRITORIAL SEA OF UNITED STATES

For extension of territorial sea of United States, see Proc. No. 5928, set out as a note under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

### § 2602. Vessel permits and numbers

#### (a) In general

A vessel (except a public vessel as defined in section 2101 of title 46) may not transport municipal or commercial waste in coastal waters without—

- (1) a permit for that vessel from the Secretary of Transportation; and
- (2) displaying a number or other marking on the vessel as prescribed by the Secretary under chapter 123 or section 12502(b) of title 46.

#### (b) Permit applications

Application for a permit required by subsection (a) of this section shall be made by the vessel owner or operator and include—

- (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the vessel owner and operator;
- (2) the vessel's name and identification number;
- (3) the vessel's area of operation;
- (4) the vessel's transport capacity;
- (5) a history of the types of cargo transported by that vessel during the previous year, including identifying the type of municipal or commercial waste transported as—
  - (A) municipal waste;
  - (B) commercial waste;
  - (C) medical waste; or
  - (D) waste of another character.
- (6) any other information the Secretary may require; and
- (7) an acknowledgment.

#### (c) Effective date of permits

A permit issued under this section—

- (1) is effective 30 days after the date on which it was issued;
- (2) may be issued only for a period of not more than 5 years after the effective date of the permit;
- (3) may be renewed for periods of not more than 5 years only by the vessel owner or operator that applied for the original permit; and
- (4) is terminated when the vessel is sold.

#### (d) Denial of permits

The Secretary may, or at the request of the Administrator shall, deny the issuance of a permit for any vessel if the owner or operator of the vessel has a record of a pattern of serious violations of—

- (1) this subchapter;
- (2) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.);
- (3) the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 [16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq., 1447 et seq.; 33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq., 2801 et seq.];
- (4) the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.); or
- (5) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

#### (e) Permit decision

The Secretary, after consultation with the Administrator, shall issue or deny a vessel permit under this section within 30 days after receiving a complete application. On denying the issuance of the permit for a vessel the Secretary shall—

- (1) notify the applicant of the denial and the reasons for the denial; and
- (2) provide an opportunity for a hearing on the denial.

#### (f) Maintaining permit

##### (1) In general

The permit issued for a vessel under this chapter shall be maintained in a manner prescribed by the Secretary.

##### (2) Endorsements

If a vessel is a documented vessel, the Secretary may endorse a permit on the vessel's certificate of documentation.

#### (g) Vessel information system

The Secretary may include information in a permit in the vessel information system maintained under chapter 125 of title 46.

(Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, §4102, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4155.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Solid Waste Disposal Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is title II of Pub. L. 89-272, Oct. 20, 1965, 79 Stat. 997, as amended generally by Pub. L. 94-580, §2, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2795, which is classified generally to chapter 82 (§6901 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6901 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, referred to in subsec. (d)(3), is Pub. L. 92-532, Oct. 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 1052, as amended, which is classified generally to chapters 27 (§1401 et seq.) and 41 (§2801 et seq.) of this title and chapters 32 (§1431 et seq.) and 32A (§1447 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1401 of this title and Tables.

The Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899, referred to in subsec. (d)(4), is act Mar. 3, 1899, ch. 425, 30 Stat. 1151, as amended, which enacted sections 401, 403, 404, 406 to 409, 411 to 416, 418, 502, 549, 686, and 687 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(5), is act June 30, 1948, ch. 758, as amended generally by Pub. L. 92-500, §2, Oct. 18, 1972, 86 Stat. 816, which is classified generally to chapter 26 (§1251 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1251 of this title and Tables.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, § 4204(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4160, provided that: "Section 4102(a) of this Act [33 U.S.C. 2602(a)] is effective 240 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 18, 1988]."

## AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS

Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, § 4204(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4160, provided that: "The Secretary shall make vessel applications for permits to be issued under section 4102 of this Act [33 U.S.C. 2602] publicly available within 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 18, 1988]."

**§ 2603. Waste handling practices****(a) In general****(1) Loading**

The owner or operator of the waste source shall take all reasonable steps to assure that all municipal or commercial waste is loaded onto a vessel in a manner that assures that waste deposited in coastal waters is minimized.

**(2) Securing**

The owner or operator of a vessel shall assure that all municipal or commercial waste loaded onto the vessel is secured by netting or other means to assure that waste will not be deposited into coastal waters during transport.

**(3) Offloading**

The owner or operator of the receiving facility shall take all reasonable steps to assure that any municipal or commercial waste is offloaded from a vessel in a manner that assures that waste deposited into coastal waters is minimized.

**(4) Cleaning up**

The owner or operator of any waste source or receiving facility shall provide adequate control measures to clean up any municipal or commercial waste which is deposited into coastal waters.

**(b) Regulations**

The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall prescribe regulations—

(1) requiring that waste sources, receiving facilities, and vessels provide the means and facilities to assure that the waste will not be deposited into coastal waters during loading, offloading, and transport;

(2) requiring, as appropriate, the submission and adoption by each responsible party of an operation and maintenance manual identifying procedures to be used to prevent, report, and clean up any deposit of municipal or commercial waste into coastal waters, including record keeping requirements; and

(3) if the Administrator determines that tracking systems are required to assure adequate enforcement of laws preventing the deposit of municipal or commercial waste into coastal waters, requiring installation of the appropriate systems within 18 months after the Administrator makes that determination.

(Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, § 4103, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4156.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, § 4204(c), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4160, provided that: "Section 4103 of this Act [33 U.S.C. 2603] takes effect 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 18, 1988]."

**§ 2604. Suspension, revocation, and injunctions****(a) Suspension and revocation**

After notice and opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary of Transportation may, and at the request of the Administrator shall, suspend or revoke a permit issued to a vessel under this chapter for a violation of this chapter or a regulation prescribed under this chapter.

**(b) Injunctions**

The Secretary or the Administrator may bring a civil action to enjoin any operation in violation of this chapter or a regulation prescribed under this chapter in the district court of the United States for the district in which the violation occurred.

(Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, § 4104, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4157.)

**§ 2605. Enforcement****(a) General authority**

The Secretary of Transportation shall enforce this chapter under section 89<sup>1</sup> of title 14. The Secretary may authorize other officers or employees of the United States Government to enforce this chapter under that section.

**(b) Periodic examinations**

The Secretary shall conduct periodic examinations of vessels operating under this chapter transporting municipal or commercial waste to determine that each of these vessels has a permit issued under section 2602 of this title.

**(c) Refusal of clearance**

The Secretary of the Treasury may refuse the clearance required by section 60105 of title 46, to any vessel subject to this chapter which does not have a permit required under section 2602 of this title.

**(d) Denial of entry and detention**

If a vessel does not comply with this chapter, the Secretary of Transportation may—

(1) deny entry to any place in the United States; and

(2) detain at the place in the United States from which it is about to depart.

**(e) Persistent violators**

The Administrator shall conduct an investigation of the owner or operator of a vessel or facility if the owner has 5 or more separate violations during a 6-month period.

(Pub. L. 100-688, title IV, § 4105, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4157.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 89 of title 14, referred to in subsec. (a), was redesignated section 522 of title 14 by Pub. L. 115-282,

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.