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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
17102	40:701.	Pub. L. 88-515, §1, Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 696.

The words “manufactured on or after the effective date of this section” are omitted as executed.

§ 17103. Commercial standards for passenger safety devices

The Administrator of General Services shall prescribe and publish in the Federal Register commercial standards for passenger safety devices the Administrator requires under section 17102 of this title. Changes in the standards take effect one year and 90 days after the publication of the standards in the Federal Register.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1279.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
17103	40:701 note. 40:702.	Pub. L. 88-515, §§2, 4, Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 696.

The first sentence of section 4 of the Act of August 30, 1964, and 40:702 (last sentence) are omitted as executed.

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§ 17301. Definitions

In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) REPLACEMENT.—The term “replacement” means payment, reimbursement, replacement, or duplication or the expenses incident to payment, reimbursement, replacement, or duplication.
- (2) SHIPMENT.—The term “shipment”—

- (A) means the transportation, or the effecting of transportation, of valuables, without limitation as to the means or facilities used or by which the transportation is effected or the person to whom it is made; and
- (B) includes shipments made to any executive department, independent establishment, agency, wholly owned or mixed-ownership Government corporation, officer, or employee of the Federal Government, or any person acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, the executive department, independent establishment, agency, wholly or partly owned Government corporation, officer, or employee.

(3) VALUABLES.—

- (A) DEFINITION.—The term “valuables” means any articles or things or representatives of value—

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(a)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1467, and Pub. L. 110-246, title XIV, §14217(a)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 2229, made identical amendments, redesignating subtitle V of this title as subtitle VI. The amendment by Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664.

CHAPTER 171—SAFETY STANDARDS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

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§ 17101. Definitions

In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “Federal Government” includes the government of the District of Columbia.
- (2) MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term “motor vehicle” means a vehicle, self-propelled or drawn by mechanical power, designed for use on the highways principally for the transportation of passengers, except a vehicle designed or used for military field training, combat, or tactical purposes.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1279.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
17101	40:703.	Pub. L. 88-515, §3, Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 696.

In clause (1), the words “the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the Government of the United States” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 17102. Prohibition on acquisition or purchase of motor vehicles by Federal Government

The Federal Government shall not purchase a motor vehicle for use by the Government unless that motor vehicle is equipped with reasonable passenger safety devices that the Administrator of General Services requires. Those devices shall conform with standards the Administrator prescribes under section 17103 of this title.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1279.)

(i) in which the Government, its executive departments, independent establishments, and agencies, including wholly owned Government corporations, and officers and employees of the Government or its executive departments, independent establishments, and agencies while acting in their official capacity, have any interest, or in connection with which they have any obligation or responsibility; and

(ii) which the Secretary of the Treasury declares to be valuables within the meaning of this chapter.

(B) REQUIREMENT FOR DECLARING ARTICLES OR THINGS VALUABLE.—The Secretary shall not declare articles or things that are lost, destroyed, or damaged in the course of shipment to be valuables unless the Secretary determines that replacement of the articles or things in accordance with the procedure established in this chapter would be in the public interest.

(4) WHOLLY OWNED GOVERNMENT CORPORATION.—The term “wholly owned Government corporation” —

(A) means any corporation, regardless of the law under which it is incorporated, the capital of which is entirely owned by the Government; and

(B) includes the authorized officers, employees, and agents of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17301(1)	40:729(d).	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §7, 50 Stat. 480; Aug. 10, 1939, ch. 665, §3, 53 Stat. 1359.
17301(2)	40:729(b).	
17301(3)	40:729(a).	
17301(4)	40:729(c).	

In this chapter, the words “wholly owned Government corporation” are substituted for “wholly owned corporation” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In clause (3)(A)(i), the words “direct or indirect” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4)(A), the words “or laws” are omitted because of 1.1. The words “directly or indirectly” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (4)(B), the word “duly” is omitted as unnecessary.

§ 17302. Compliance

(a) PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS.—With the approval of the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and the United States Postal Service jointly shall prescribe regulations governing the shipment of valuables by an executive department, independent establishment, agency, wholly owned Government corporation, officer, or employee of the Federal Government, with a view to minimizing the risk of loss and destruction of, and damage to, valuables in shipment.

(b) COMPLIANCE.—Each executive department, independent establishment, agency, wholly owned Government corporation, officer, and employee of the Government, and each person acting for, or at the direction of, the executive department, independent establishment, agency,

wholly owned Government corporation, officer, or employee, must comply with the regulations when making any shipment of valuables.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17302	40:721.	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §1, 50 Stat. 479.

In subsection (a), the words “As soon as practicable after July 8, 1937” are omitted as obsolete. The words “United States Postal Service” are substituted for “Postmaster General” in section 1 of the Government Losses in Shipment Act (ch. 444, 50 Stat. 479) because of section 4(a) of the Postal Reorganization Act (Public Law 91–375, 84 Stat. 773).

In subsection (b), the words “After the effective date of such regulations, which shall be not more than thirty days after their issuance” are omitted as obsolete.

Executive Documents

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For power of Secretary of the Treasury and United States Postal Service to prescribe, without approval of President, regulations under section 721 of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works (which was repealed and reenacted as this section by Pub. L. 107–217, §§1, 6(b), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062, 1304), see section 3(a) of Ex. Ord. No. 10289, Sept. 17, 1951, 16 F.R. 9499, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

§ 17303. Fund for the payment of Government losses in shipment

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is a revolving fund in the Treasury known as “the fund for the payment of Government losses in shipment”.

(b) USE.—The fund shall be used for the replacement of valuables, lost, destroyed, or damaged while being shipped in accordance with regulations prescribed under section 17302 of this title.

(c) UNAVAILABILITY.—The fund is not available with respect to any loss, destruction, or damage affecting valuables—

(1) that relates to property of the United States Postal Service that is chargeable to its officers or employees; or

(2) of which shipment shall have been made at the risk of persons other than the Federal Government and the executive departments, independent establishments, agencies, wholly owned Government corporations, officers and employees of the Government.

(d) CREDITING OF RECOVERIES AND REPAYMENTS.—All recoveries and repayments on account of loss, destruction, or damage to valuables for which replacement is made out of the fund shall be credited to it and are available for the purposes of the fund.

(e) APPROPRIATIONS.—Necessary amounts are appropriated for the fund.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1281.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
17303(a)	40:722 (3d sentence words before 2d comma).	July 8, 1937, ch. 444, §2, 50 Stat. 479.