

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title IV, § 401(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4263, added item for chapter 700.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, § 3529(c)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 603, repealed Pub. L. 109-304, § 9(a). See 2006 Amendment note below.

2006—Pub. L. 109-304, § 10(1), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1683, amended analysis generally, substituting “Security and Drug Enforcement” for “Miscellaneous” in subtitle heading and adding items for chapters 703 and 705.

Pub. L. 109-304, § 9(a), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1674, which directed amendment identical to that made by Pub. L. 109-241, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, § 3529(c)(1), with Pub. L. 109-304, § 9(a), to be treated as if never enacted. See note below.

Pub. L. 109-241, title IX, § 901(k)(1), July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 564, redesignated subtitle VI of this title as subtitle VII.

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2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LVXXXIII], § 8342(b), title LVXXXV, §§ 8501(b)(5),

8507(a)(3), 8508(2)(C), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4709, 4746, 4753, 4755, inserted “Sec.” before item 70001, added items 70006, 70014, and 70022, and substituted “Conditions for entry into ports in the United States” for “Conditions for entry to ports in the united states” in item 70021, “SUBCHAPTER I” for “SUBCHAPTER A”, “SUBCHAPTER II” for “SUBCHAPTER B”, “SUBCHAPTER III” for “SUBCHAPTER C”, “SUBCHAPTER IV” and “SUBCHAPTER D”, “SUBCHAPTER V” for “SUBCHAPTER E”, and “SUBCHAPTER VI” for “SUBCHAPTER F”. Items 70014 and 70022 were added to this analysis after items 70013 and 70021, respectively, to reflect the probable intent of Congress, notwithstanding errors in directory language.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title IV, §§ 406(b), 407(e), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4266, 4267, added items for subchapters E and F and items 70041 and 70051 to 70054.

SUBCHAPTER I—VESSEL OPERATIONS**§ 70001. Vessel traffic services**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of section 70004, the Secretary—

(1) in any port or place under the jurisdiction of the United States, in the navigable waters of the United States, or in any area covered by an international agreement negotiated pursuant to section 70005, may construct, operate, maintain, improve, or expand vessel traffic services, that consist of measures for controlling or supervising vessel traffic or for protecting navigation and the marine environment and that may include one or more of reporting and operating requirements, surveillance and communications systems, routing systems, and fairways;

(2) shall require appropriate vessels that operate in an area of a vessel traffic service to utilize or comply with that service;

(3) may require vessels to install and use specified navigation equipment, communications equipment, electronic relative motion analyzer equipment, or any electronic or other device necessary to comply with a vessel traffic service or that is necessary in the interests of vessel safety, except that the Secretary shall not require fishing vessels under 300 gross tons as measured under section 14502, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104, or recreational vessels 65 feet or less to possess or use the equipment or devices required by this subsection solely under the authority of this chapter;

(4) may control vessel traffic in areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States that the Secretary determines to be hazardous, or under conditions of reduced visibility, adverse weather, vessel congestion, or other hazardous circumstances, by—

(A) specifying times of entry, movement, or departure;

(B) establishing vessel traffic routing schemes;

(C) establishing vessel size, speed, or draft limitations and vessel operating conditions; and

(D) restricting operation, in any hazardous area or under hazardous conditions, to vessels that have particular operating characteristics or capabilities that the Secretary considers necessary for safe operation under the circumstances;

¹ So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.

² So in original. Does not conform to subchapter heading.