

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-254, which directed the general amendment of “section 233 of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 983)”, was executed by generally amending section 233(a) of the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006, which comprises this section, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. Prior to amendment, section read as follows:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy, and appropriate representatives of other Federal agencies, may provide technical assistance, equipment, and training to facilitate the implementation of supply chain security measures at ports designated under the Container Security Initiative.

“(2) **ACQUISITION AND TRAINING.**—Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Secretary may—

“(A) lease, loan, provide, or otherwise assist in the deployment of nonintrusive inspection and radiation detection equipment at foreign land and sea ports under such terms and conditions as the Secretary prescribes, including nonreimbursable loans or the transfer of ownership of equipment; and

“(B) provide training and technical assistance for domestic or foreign personnel responsible for operating or maintaining such equipment.”

**§ 984. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-254, div. J, § 1816(f), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3541**

Section, Pub. L. 109-347, title II, § 235, Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1919, related to pilot program to improve the security of empty containers.

**§ 985. Information sharing relating to supply chain security cooperation**

**(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this section are—

(1) to establish continuing liaison and to provide for supply chain security cooperation between Department and the private sector; and

(2) to provide for regular and timely interchange of information between the private sector and the Department concerning developments and security risks in the supply chain environment.

**(b) System**

The Secretary shall develop a system to collect from and share appropriate risk information related to the supply chain with the private sector entities determined appropriate by the Secretary.

**(c) Consultation**

In developing the system under subsection (b), the Secretary shall consult with the Commercial Operations Advisory Committee and a broad range of public and private sector entities likely to utilize the system, including importers, exporters, carriers, customs brokers, and freight forwarders, among other parties.

**(d) Independently obtained information**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the ability of a Federal, State, or local government entity, under applicable law, to obtain supply chain security information, including any information lawfully and properly disclosed generally or broadly to the public and to use such information in any manner permitted by law.

**(e) Authority to issue warnings**

The Secretary may provide advisories, alerts, and warnings to relevant companies, targeted sectors, other governmental entities, or the general public regarding potential risks to the supply chain as appropriate. In issuing a warning, the Secretary shall take appropriate actions to protect from disclosure—

(1) the source of any voluntarily submitted supply chain security information that forms the basis for the warning; and

(2) information that is proprietary, business sensitive, relates specifically to the submitting person or entity, or is otherwise not appropriately in the public domain.

(Pub. L. 109-347, title II, § 236, Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1919.)

**SUBCHAPTER III—ADMINISTRATION**

**§ 1001. Designation of liaison office of Department of State**

The Secretary of State shall designate a liaison office within the Department of State to assist the Secretary, as appropriate, in negotiating cargo security-related international agreements.

(Pub. L. 109-347, title III, § 301(b), Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1920.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**RULE OF CONSTRUCTION**

Nothing in this section to be construed to affect the authorities, functions, or capabilities of the Coast Guard to perform its missions or the requirement under section 468 of this title that those authorities, functions, and capabilities be maintained intact, see section 301(c) of Pub. L. 109-347, set out as a note under section 239 of this title.

**§ 1002. Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee**

The Under Secretary for Science and Technology shall utilize the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, as appropriate, to provide outside expertise in advancing cargo security technology.

(Pub. L. 109-347, title III, § 302(c), Oct. 13, 2006, 120 Stat. 1921.)

**§ 1003. Research, development, test, and evaluation efforts in furtherance of maritime and cargo security**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall—

(1) direct research, development, testing, and evaluation efforts in furtherance of maritime and cargo security;

(2) coordinate with public and private sector entities to develop and test technologies, and process innovations in furtherance of these objectives; and

(3) evaluate such technologies.

**(b) Coordination**

The Secretary, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, the Assistant Secretary for Policy, the Commandant