

and expenses of the proceedings to obtain such condemnation; and upon the delivery of such bond to the Secretary, he shall transmit the same, with the duplicate list or description of the goods seized, to the United States attorney for the district, and such attorney shall proceed thereon in the ordinary manner prescribed by law.

**(4) Sale in absence of bond**

If no claim is interposed and no bond is given within the time above specified, the Secretary shall give reasonable notice of the sale of the goods, wares, or merchandise by publication, and, at the time and place specified in the notice, shall, unless otherwise provided by law, sell the articles so seized at public auction, or upon competitive bids, in accordance with such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 870; Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §204(10), (12), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1429; Pub. L. 85-866, title I, §78, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1662; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1566(a), (b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2763.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “\$100,000” for “\$2,500” in section catchline, introductory provisions, and par. (2), and substituted “\$2,500” for “\$250” in par. (3).

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

1958—Pub. L. 85-866 struck out “district” before “attorney” in par. (3).

Pub. L. 85-859 substituted “\$2,500” for “\$1,000” in section catchline, opening par., and par. (2), and inserted “, unless otherwise provided by law,” before “sell the articles” in par. (4).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1566(e), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2763, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 7103 of this title] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 22, 1986].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-866 effective Aug. 17, 1954, see section 1(c)(2) of Pub. L. 85-866, set out as a note under section 165 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-859 effective Sept. 3, 1958, see section 210(a)(1) of Pub. L. 85-859, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5001 of this title.

**[§ 7326. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, § 401(b)(50), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1205]**

Section, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 871; Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §204(13), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1429; Pub. L. 89-44, title VI, §601(j), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 155; Pub. L. 91-513, title III, §1102(f), Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1292; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1906(a)(43), (b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1830, 1834, related to disposal of certain forfeited property.

**Editorial Notes**

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in repeal by Pub. L. 115-141 be construed to affect treatment of certain

transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Mar. 23, 2018, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Mar. 23, 2018, see section 401(e) of Pub. L. 115-141, set out as a note under section 23 of this title.

**§ 7327. Customs laws applicable**

The provisions of law applicable to the remission or mitigation by the Secretary of forfeitures under the customs laws shall apply to forfeitures incurred or alleged to have been incurred under the internal revenue laws.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 871; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

**§ 7328. Cross references**

(1) **For the issuance of certificates of probable cause relieving officers making seizures of responsibility for damages, see 28 U. S. C. 2465.**

(2) **For provisions relating to forfeitures generally in connection with alcohol taxes, see chapter 51.**

(3) **For provisions relating to forfeitures generally in connection with tobacco taxes, see chapter 52.**

(4) **For provisions relating to forfeitures generally in connection with taxes on certain firearms, see chapter 53.**

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 871, §7329; renumbered §7328, Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1904(b)(8)(H)(i), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1816.)

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7328, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 871, provided for confiscation of white phosphorus matches exported or attempted to be exported, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-455, §1904(b)(8)(H)(i).

A prior section 7329 was renumbered section 7328 of this title.

**Subchapter D—Miscellaneous Penalty and Forfeiture Provisions**

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**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-94, div. C, title XXXII, §32101(h), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1733, added item 7345.

**§ 7341. Penalty for sales to evade tax**

**(a) Nonenforceability of contract**

Whenever any person who is liable to pay any tax imposed by this title upon, for, or in respect of, any property sells or causes or allows the same to be sold before such tax is paid, with in-

tent to avoid such tax, or in fraud of the internal revenue laws, any debt contracted in such sale, and any security given therefor, unless the same shall have been bona fide transferred to an innocent holder, shall be void, and the collection thereof shall not be enforced in any court.

**(b) Forfeiture of sum paid on contract**

If such property has been paid for, in whole or in part, the sum so paid shall be deemed forfeited.

**(c) Moiety**

Any person who shall sue for the sum so paid (in an action of debt) shall recover from the seller the amount so paid, one-half to his own use and the other half to the use of the United States.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 872.)

**§ 7342. Penalty for refusal to permit entry or examination**

Any owner of any building or place, or person having the agency or superintendence of the same, who refuses to admit any officer or employee of the Treasury Department acting under the authority of section 7606 (relating to entry of premises for examination of taxable articles) or refuses to permit him to examine such article or articles, shall, for every such refusal, forfeit \$500.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 872.)

**§ 7343. Definition of term “person”**

The term “person” as used in this chapter includes an officer or employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a partnership, who as such officer, employee, or member is under a duty to perform the act in respect of which the violation occurs.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 872.)

**§ 7344. Extended application of penalties relating to officers of the Treasury Department**

All provisions of law imposing fines, penalties, or other punishment for offenses committed by an internal revenue officer or other officer of the Department of the Treasury, or under any agency or office thereof, shall apply to all persons whomsoever, employed, appointed, or acting under the authority of any internal revenue law, or any revenue provision of any law of the United States, when such persons are designated or acting as officers or employees in connection with such law, or are persons having the custody or disposition of any public money.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 872.)

**§ 7345. Revocation or denial of passport in case of certain tax delinquencies**

**(a) In general**

If the Secretary receives certification by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that an individual has a seriously delinquent tax debt, the Secretary shall transmit such certification to the Secretary of State for action with respect to denial, revocation, or limitation of a passport pursuant to section 32101 of the FAST Act.

**(b) Seriously delinquent tax debt**

**(1) In general**

For purposes of this section, the term “seriously delinquent tax debt” means an unpaid, legally enforceable Federal tax liability of an individual—

- (A) which has been assessed,
- (B) which is greater than \$50,000, and
- (C) with respect to which—

- (i) a notice of lien has been filed pursuant to section 6323 and the administrative rights under section 6320 with respect to such filing have been exhausted or have lapsed, or
- (ii) a levy is made pursuant to section 6331.

**(2) Exceptions**

Such term shall not include—

- (A) a debt that is being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement to which the individual is party under section 6159 or 7122, and

- (B) a debt with respect to which collection is suspended with respect to the individual—

- (i) because a due process hearing under section 6330 is requested or pending, or
- (ii) because an election under subsection (b) or (c) of section 6015 is made or relief under subsection (f) of such section is requested.

**(c) Reversal of certification**

**(1) In general**

In the case of an individual with respect to whom the Commissioner makes a certification under subsection (a), the Commissioner shall notify the Secretary (and the Secretary shall subsequently notify the Secretary of State) if such certification is found to be erroneous or if the debt with respect to such certification is fully satisfied or ceases to be a seriously delinquent tax debt by reason of subsection (b)(2).

**(2) Timing of notice**

**(A) Full satisfaction of debt**

In the case of a debt that has been fully satisfied or has become legally unenforceable, such notification shall be made not later than the date required for issuing the certificate of release of lien with respect to such debt under section 6325(a).

**(B) Innocent spouse relief**

In the case of an individual who makes an election under subsection (b) or (c) of section 6015, or requests relief under subsection (f) of such section, such notification shall be made not later than 30 days after any such election or request.

**(C) Installment agreement or offer-in-compromise**

In the case of an installment agreement under section 6159 or an offer-in-compromise under section 7122, such notification shall be made not later than 30 days after such agreement is entered into or such offer is accepted by the Secretary.

**(D) Erroneous certification**

In the case of a certification found to be erroneous, such notification shall be made as soon as practicable after such finding.