The words ''civil action'' are substituted for ''proceeding'' for consistency in this chapter and with rule 2 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (28 App. U.S.C.).

§ 30910. Exoneration and limitation

The United States is entitled to the exemptions from and limitations of liability provided by law to an owner, charterer, operator, or agent of a vessel.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 6(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1519.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
30910	46 App.:746.	Mar. 9, 1920, ch. 95, § 6, 41 Stat. 527.

§ 30911. Costs and interest

(a) IN GENERAL.—A judgment against the United States or a federally-owned corporation under this chapter may include costs and interest at the rate of 4 percent per year until satisfied. Interest shall run as ordered by the court, except that interest is not allowable for the period before the action is filed.

(b) CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR INTEREST.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), if the claim is based on a contract providing for interest, interest may be awarded at the rate and for the period provided in the contract.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 6(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1519.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
30911	46 App.:743 (2d, 3d sentences). 46 App.:745 (last proviso).	Mar. 9, 1920, ch. 95, § 3 (2d, 3d sentences), 41 Stat. 526. Mar. 9, 1920, ch. 95, § 5 (last proviso), 41 Stat. 526; June 30, 1932, ch. 315, 47 Stat. 420; Dec. 13, 1950, ch. 1136, 64 Stat. 1112.

In subsection (a), the words ''and when the decree is for a money judgment'' are omitted as unnecessary. The words ''except that interest is not allowable for the period before the action is filed'' are substituted for ''*And provided further*, That after June 30, 1932, no interest shall be allowed on any claim prior to the time when suit on such claim is brought as authorized by section 742 of this Appendix'' to eliminate unnecessary words.

Subsection (b) is substituted for ''or at any higher rate which shall be stipulated in any contract upon which such decree shall be based'' in 46 App. U.S.C. 743 and ''unless upon a contract expressly stipulating for the payment of interest'' in 46 App. U.S.C. 745 (last proviso) for clarity and consistency.

§ 30912. Arbitration, compromise, or settlement

The Secretary of a department of the United States Government, or the board of trustees of a federally-owned corporation, may arbitrate, compromise, or settle a claim under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 6(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1519.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
30912	46 App.:749.	Mar. 9, 1920, ch. 95, § 9, 41 Stat. 527; Pub. L. 92–417, § 3, Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 656; Pub. L. 97–31, § 12(25)(C), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 155.

The words ''claim under this chapter'' are substituted for ''claim in which suit will lie under the provisions of sections 742, 744, and 750 of this Appendix'' to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 30913. Payment of judgment or settlement

(a) IN GENERAL.—The proper accounting officer of the United States shall pay a final judgment, arbitration award, or settlement under this chapter on presentation of an authenticated copy.

(b) SOURCE OF PAYMENT.—Payment shall be made from an appropriation or fund available specifically for the purpose. If no appropriation or fund is specifically available, there is hereby appropriated, out of money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an amount sufficient to pay the judgment, award, or settlement.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 6(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1519.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
30913	46 App.:748.	Mar. 9, 1920, ch. 95, § 8, 41 Stat. 527.

§ 30914. Release of privately owned vessel after arrest or attachment

If a privately owned vessel not in the possession of the United States or a federally-owned corporation is arrested or attached in a civil action arising or alleged to have arisen from prior ownership, possession, or operation by the United States or corporation, the vessel shall be released without bond or stipulation on a statement by the United States, through the Attorney General or other authorized law officer, that the United States is interested in the action, desires release of the vessel, and assumes liability for the satisfaction of any judgment obtained by the plaintiff. After the vessel is released, the action shall proceed against the United States in accordance with this chapter.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 6(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1519.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
30914	46 App.:744.	Mar. 9, 1920, ch. 95, § 4, 41 Stat. 526.

The words ''on a statement'' are substituted for ''upon the suggestion'' as more appropriate.

§ 30915. Seizures and other proceedings in foreign jurisdictions

(a) IN GENERAL.—If a vessel or cargo described in section 30908 or 30914 of this title is arrested, attached, or otherwise seized by judicial process in a foreign country, or if an action is brought in a court of a foreign country against the mas-