Public Law 87-190

AN ACT

To dissolve Federal Facilities Corporation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to the provisions of section 2 of this Act, the Administrator of General Services is hereby designated to administer the contracts of sale of the Government-owned rubber producing facilities made pursuant to the Rubber Producing Facilities Disposal Act of 1953 (67 Stat. 414), as amended, and to administer other matters involving the Rubber Producing Facilities Disposal Commission, including the exercise of all powers and authority conferred upon the said Commission by section 6 of the Act of March 21, 1956 (70 Stat. 51, 53), and also including the winding up of the affairs of the Commission. The said contracts are hereby transferred from Federal Facilities Corporation to the Administrator of General Services.

SEC. 2. The administration of the national security clause contained in the contracts of sale referred to in section 1 of this Act shall be carried out in accordance with the needs and requirements of the national defense as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

SEC. 3. The records and the remaining assets and liabilities of the Rubber Producing Facilities Disposal Commission are hereby transferred from Federal Facilities Corporation to the Administrator of General Services for use of the Administrator in connection with the administration or performance of his functions and duties under sections 1 and 2 of this Act, or for other disposition as may be determined, consonant with law, by the Administrator.

SEC. 4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the books of account, records, documents, property, assets and liabilities of every kind and nature, including, but not limited to, all funds, notes (and accrued interest thereon), mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts, commitments, claims, and causes of action, of Federal Facilities Corporation are transferred to the Administrator of General Services for liquidation and, in connection therewith, there are also transferred to the Administrator, notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 of this Act, all functions, powers, duties, authority, rights, and immunities now vested in, or available or applicable to, the Corporation which shall be performed, exercised, and administered by the Administrator in the same manner and to the same extent as if the same were performed, exercised, and administered by the Corporation. The Administrator shall assume and be subject, in his official capacity, to all liabilities and commitments, whether arising out of contract or otherwise, of the Corporation but he shall pay into the Treasury, as miscellaneous receipts, all future receipts and all remaining funds of the Corporation transferred to, or received by, him pursuant to this Act.

(b) Any obligation of General Services Administration to Federal Facilities Corporation existing by virtue of the provisions of section 5(b) of the joint resolution, "To authorize the disposal of the Government-owned tin smelter at Texas City, Texas, and for other purposes", approved June 22, 1956 (Public Law 608, Eighty-fourth Congress, chapter 426, second session (70 Stat. 329)), is canceled.

SEC. 5. The Administrator of General Services is authorized to delegate, from time to time as he may deem to be appropriate, to any officer, employee, or administrative unit under his jurisdiction the performance of any function and the exercise of the related authority transferred to the Administrator by this Act.
SEC. 6. The succession of Federal Facilities Corporation is terminated and the Corporation is dissolved. The charter of the Corporation, as amended, is repealed.

SEC. 7. No suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against Federal Facilities Corporation before the dissolution of the Corporation shall abate by reason of such dissolution; but the court may, on motion or supplemental petition filed at any time within twelve months after such dissolution and showing a necessity for the survival of such suit, action, or other proceeding to obtain a settlement of the questions involved, allow the same to be maintained by or against the United States in such court. After the dissolution of the Corporation, any suit, action, or other proceeding which, but for such dissolution, would be commenced by or against the Corporation, shall be commenced by or against the United States in a Federal court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 8. In the event that title to any real property which was sold by the Rubber Producing Facilities Disposal Commission or by the Federal Facilities Corporation to private industry on credit, under mortgage, deed of trust, or similar arrangement, is acquired by the United States by reason of default by, or failure of performance of, the purchaser, or its successor in interest, of any of its obligations, such real property shall continue to be subject to special assessments for local improvements and to State, county, municipal, or local taxation to the same extent according to its value as other real property is taxed and the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to pay such special assessments and taxes.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect at the close of September 30, 1961. Effective date.

Approved August 30, 1961.

Public Law 87-191

AN ACT

To amend sections 337 and 4200 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to eliminate the oath requirement with respect to certain export manifests.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That section 4200 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (46 U.S.C. 92) is amended—

(1) by striking out “oath” in the first two sentences and inserting in lieu thereof “certification”;

(2) by striking out “upon oath” in the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “by certification”; and

(3) by striking out that portion of the fourth sentence preceding the proviso and inserting in lieu thereof “The certifications shall be in writing”.

SEC. 2. That section 337 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (15 U.S.C. 174) is amended by striking out “oath” in the third sentence of the paragraph numbered “Fifth” and inserting “certification”.

Approved August 31, 1961.