

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Nothing herein contained, referred to in text, probably means nothing contained in act June 19, 1936, ch. 592, 49 Stat. 1526, popularly known as the Robinson-Patman Antidiscrimination Act and also as the Robinson-Patman Price Discrimination Act, which enacted sections 13a, 13b, and 21a of this title and amended section 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 13 of this title and Tables.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of Federal Trade Commission, with certain exceptions, to Chairman of such Commission, see Reorg. Plan No. 8 of 1950, § 1, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3175, 64 Stat. 1264, set out under section 41 of this title.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Exemptions of non-profit institutions from provisions of this section, see section 13c of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 7430; title 42 sections 6202, 8235f; title 49 section 10706.

**§ 22. District in which to sue corporation**

Any suit, action, or proceeding under the anti-trust laws against a corporation may be brought not only in the judicial district whereof it is an inhabitant, but also in any district wherein it may be found or transacts business; and all process in such cases may be served in the district of which it is an inhabitant, or wherever it may be found.

(Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, § 12, 38 Stat. 736.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The antitrust laws, referred to in text, are defined in section 12 of this title.

## FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

Rules not to be construed as extending or limiting jurisdiction of Court of Appeals, see rule 1, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

## FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

One form of action, see rule 2, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

Process, see rule 4.

Rules as governing the procedure in all suits of a civil nature whether cognizable as cases at law or in equity, see rule 1.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Venue—

Generally, see section 1391 et seq. of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

Damage actions, see section 15 of this title.

**§ 23. Suits by United States; subpoenas for witnesses**

In any suit, action, or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the United States subpoenas for witnesses who are required to attend a court of the United States in any judicial district in any case, civil or criminal, arising under the anti-trust laws may run into any other district: *Provided*, That in civil cases no writ of subpoena shall issue for witnesses living out of the district in which the court is held at a greater distance than one hundred miles from the place of holding the same without the permission of the

trial court being first had upon proper application and cause shown.

(Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, § 13, 38 Stat. 736.)

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## FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

One form of action, see rule 2, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

Rules as governing the procedure in all suits of a civil nature whether cognizable as cases at law or in equity, see rule 1.

Subpoena, see rule 45.

## FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Subpoena, see rule 17, Title 18, Appendix, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

**§ 24. Liability of directors and agents of corporation**

Whenever a corporation shall violate any of the penal provisions of the antitrust laws, such violation shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors, officers, or agents of such corporation who shall have authorized, ordered, or done any of the acts constituting in whole or in part such violation, and such violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof of any such director, officer, or agent he shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not exceeding one year, or by both, in the discretion of the court.

(Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, § 14, 38 Stat. 736.)

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The antitrust laws, referred to in text, are defined in section 12 of this title.

**§ 25. Restraining violations; procedure**

The several district courts of the United States are invested with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of this Act, and it shall be the duty of the several United States attorneys, in their respective districts, under the direction of the Attorney General, to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain such violations. Such proceedings may be by way of petition setting forth the case and praying that such violation shall be enjoined or otherwise prohibited. When the parties complained of shall have been duly notified of such petition, the court shall proceed, as soon as may be, to the hearing and determination of the case; and pending such petition, and before final decree, the court may at any time make such temporary restraining order or prohibition as shall be deemed just in the premises. Whenever it shall appear to the court before which any such proceeding may be pending that the ends of justice require that other parties should be brought before the court, the court may cause them to be summoned whether they reside in the district in which the court is held or not, and subpoenas to that end may be served in any district by the marshal thereof.

(Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, § 15, 38 Stat. 736; June 25, 1948, ch. 646, § 1, 62 Stat. 909.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, 38 Stat. 730, as amended, which is classified gener-

ally to sections 12, 13, 14 to 19, 20, 21, and 22 to 27 of this title, and sections 52 and 53 of Title 29, Labor. For further details and complete classification of this Act to the Code, see References in Text note set out under section 12 of this title and Tables.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Act June 25, 1948, eff. Sept. 1, 1948, substituted "United States attorneys" for "district attorneys of the United States". See section 541 et seq. of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

#### FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

Stay or injunction pending appeal, see rule 8, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

#### FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

One form of action, see rule 2.

Process and injunctions, see rules 4 and 65.

Rules as governing the procedure in all suits of a civil nature whether cognizable as cases at law or in equity, see rule 1.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Restraining violations of trusts in restraint of import trade, see section 9 of this title.

Restraining violations of unlawful combinations and monopolies, see section 4 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 4016 of this title.

### § 26. Injunctive relief for private parties; exception; costs

Any person, firm, corporation, or association shall be entitled to sue for and have injunctive relief, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction over the parties, against threatened loss or damage by a violation of the antitrust laws, including sections 13, 14, 18, and 19 of this title, when and under the same conditions and principles as injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause loss or damage is granted by courts of equity, under the rules governing such proceedings, and upon the execution of proper bond against damages for an injunction improvidently granted and a showing that the danger of irreparable loss or damage is immediate, a preliminary injunction may issue: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to entitle any person, firm, corporation, or association, except the United States, to bring suit for injunctive relief against any common carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board under subtitle IV of title 49. In any action under this section in which the plaintiff substantially prevails, the court shall award the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee, to such plaintiff.

(Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, §16, 38 Stat. 737; Sept. 30, 1976, Pub. L. 94-435, title III, §302(3), 90 Stat. 1396; Dec. 29, 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §318(3), 109 Stat. 949.)

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#### AMENDMENTS

1995—Pub. L. 104-88 substituted "for injunctive relief against any common carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board under subtitle IV of title 49" for "in equity for injunctive relief against

any common carrier subject to the provisions of the Act to regulate commerce, approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, in respect of any matter subject to the regulation, supervision, or other jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission."

1976—Pub. L. 94-435 inserted provision authorizing court to award costs, including attorneys' fees, to a successful plaintiff.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 701 of Title 49, Transportation.

#### FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Injunctions, see rule 65, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

One form of action, see rule 2.

Rules as governing the procedure in all suits of a civil nature whether cognizable as cases at common law or in equity, see rule 1.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Labor disputes, restriction of injunctive relief, see sections 52 and 107 of Title 29, Labor.

Venue of—

Damage actions, see section 15 of this title.

Proceedings against corporations, see section 22 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4016, 4304 of this title; title 46 App. section 1706.

### § 26a. Restrictions on the purchase of gasohol and synthetic motor fuel

#### (a) Limitations on the use of credit instruments; sales, resales, and transfers

Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person engaged in commerce, in the course of such commerce, directly or indirectly to impose any condition, restriction, agreement, or understanding that—

(1) limits the use of credit instruments in any transaction concerning the sale, resale, or transfer of gasohol or other synthetic motor fuel of equivalent usability in any case in which there is no similar limitation on transactions concerning such person's conventional motor fuel; or

(2) otherwise unreasonably discriminates against or unreasonably limits the sale, resale, or transfer of gasohol or other synthetic motor fuel of equivalent usability in any case in which such synthetic or conventional motor fuel is sold for use, consumption, or resale within the United States.

#### (b) Credit fees; equivalent conventional motor fuel sales; labeling of pumps; product liability disclaimers; advertising support; furnishing facilities

(1) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of law in effect on December 2, 1980, which is specifically applicable to the sale of petroleum products shall preclude any person referred to in subsection (a) of this section from imposing a reasonable fee for credit on the sale, resale, or transfer of the gasohol or other synthetic motor fuel referred to in subsection (a) of this section if such fee equals no more than the actual costs to such person of extending that credit.