

to promulgate special rules with respect to additional station or signal lights for fishing vessels engaged in fishing as a fleet.

(b) The additional station or signal lights or whistle signals contained in the special rules authorized under subsection (a) of this section shall be, as far as possible, such that they cannot be mistaken for any light or signal authorized by the International Regulations. Notice of such special rules shall be published in the Federal Register and, after the effective date specified in such notice, they shall have effect as if they were a part of the International Regulations.

(Pub. L. 95-75, § 7, July 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 310.)

**§ 1607. Implementation by rules and regulations; authority to promulgate**

The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating is authorized to promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter and the International Regulations proclaimed hereunder.

(Pub. L. 95-75, § 8, July 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 310.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1608 of this title.

**§ 1608. Civil penalties**

**(a) Liability of vessel operator for violations**

Whoever operates a vessel, subject to the provisions of this chapter, in violation of this chapter or of any regulation promulgated pursuant to section 1607 of this title, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each such violation.

**(b) Liability of vessel for violations; seizure of vessel**

Every vessel subject to the provisions of this chapter, other than a public vessel being used for noncommercial purposes, which is operated in violation of this chapter or of any regulation promulgated pursuant to section 1607 of this title, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each such violation, for which penalty the vessel may be seized and proceeded against in the district court of the United States of any district within which such vessel may be found.

**(c) Assessment of penalties; notice; opportunity for hearing; remission, mitigation, and compromise of penalty; action for collection**

The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may assess any civil penalty authorized by this section. No such penalty may be assessed until the person charged, or the owner of the vessel charged, as appropriate, shall have been given notice of the violation involved and an opportunity for a hearing. For good cause shown, the Secretary may remit, mitigate, or compromise any penalty assessed. Upon the failure of the person charged, or the owner of the vessel charged, to pay an assessed penalty, as it may have been mitigated or compromised, the Secretary may request the Attorney General to commence an action in the appropriate district court of the United States for

collection of the penalty as assessed, without regard to the amount involved, together with such other relief as may be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 95-75, § 9, July 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 310; Pub. L. 96-591, § 6(3), (4), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435.)

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-591, § 6(3), substituted “\$5,000” for “\$500”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-591, § 6(4), substituted “not more than \$5,000” for “\$500”.

**CHAPTER 31—OCEAN POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING PLANNING**

**§§ 1701 to 1709. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-567, title II, § 204, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4282**

Section 1701, Pub. L. 95-273, § 2, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 228; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6071, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 133, provided findings and purposes for chapter.

Section 1702, Pub. L. 95-273, § 3, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 228; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6072(1), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(1)-(4), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided definitions for chapter.

Section 1702a, Pub. L. 95-273, § 3A, as added Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6072(2), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 133; amended Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5)-(7), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for a National Ocean Pollution Program Office and a National Ocean Pollution Policy Board.

Section 1703, Pub. L. 95-273, § 4, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 229; Pub. L. 96-255, § 2, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 97-375, title II, § 202(c), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1822; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6073, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 134; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for a comprehensive Federal Plan relating to ocean pollution.

Section 1704, Pub. L. 95-273, § 5, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 230; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for a comprehensive ocean pollution program in NOAA.

Section 1705, Pub. L. 95-273, § 6, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 231; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for Federal financial assistance for programs under this chapter.

Section 1706, Pub. L. 95-273, § 7, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for interagency cooperation in carrying out this chapter.

Section 1707, Pub. L. 95-273, § 8, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6074, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 135; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for dissemination of information on ocean and Great Lakes pollution research activities.

Section 1708, Pub. L. 95-273, § 9, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232, related to effect of this chapter on other laws.

Section 1709, Pub. L. 95-273, § 10, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232; Pub. L. 96-17, June 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 96-255, § 1, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6075, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 135; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(8), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, authorized appropriations to carry out this chapter.

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 95-273, as amended by Pub. L. 96-255, § 3, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 420, which provided that this chapter could be cited as the “National Ocean Pollution Planning Act of 1978”, was repealed by Pub. L. 102-567, title II, § 204, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4282.

**CHAPTER 32—INLAND WATERWAYS TRUST FUND**

Sec.

1801, 1802. Repealed.

1803. Study with respect to inland waterway user taxes and charges.