

appropriate and necessary, the negotiators, conciliators, or arbitrators provided for by the convention and the protocol.

**(c) Presidential acceptance of amendments to list of substances other than convention oil in accordance with protocol**

The President may accept amendments to the list of substances other than convention oil in accordance with article III of the protocol.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §13, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 95-302, §1(5), June 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 345.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-302, §1(5)(A), inserted provisions relating to applicability of article II of the protocol and provisions for proposal of amendments to the list of substances other than convention oil.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-302, §1(5)(B), substituted “protocol” for “annexes thereto”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-302, §1(5)(C), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 95-302, see section 2 of Pub. L. 95-302, set out as a note under section 1487 of this title.

**§ 1483. Foreign government ships; immunity**

No measures may be taken under authority of this chapter against any warship or other ship owned or operated by a country and used, for the time being, only on Government noncommercial service.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §14, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10.)

**§ 1484. Interpretation and administration; other right, duty, privilege, or immunity and other remedy unaffected**

This chapter shall be interpreted and administered in a manner consistent with the convention, the protocol, and other international law. Except as specifically provided, nothing in this chapter may be interpreted to prejudice any otherwise applicable right, duty, privilege, or immunity or deprive any country or person of any remedy otherwise applicable.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §15, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 95-302, §1(6), June 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 345.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-302 inserted “, the protocol,” after “convention”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 95-302, see section 2 of Pub. L. 95-302, set out as a note under section 1487 of this title.

**§ 1485. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary may issue reasonable rules and regulations which he considers appropriate and necessary for the effective implementation of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §16, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10.)

**§ 1486. Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund**

The Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund shall be available to the Secretary for actions taken under sections 1474 and 1476 of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §17, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 101-380, title II, §2001, Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 506.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-380 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The revolving fund established under section 1321(k) of this title shall be available to the Secretary for Federal actions and activities under section 1474 of this title.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-380 applicable to incidents occurring after Aug. 18, 1990, see section 1020 of Pub. L. 101-380, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2701 of this title.

**§ 1487. Effective date**

This chapter shall be effective upon February 5, 1974, or upon the date the convention becomes effective as to the United States, whichever is later.

(Pub. L. 93-248, §18, Feb. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 10.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date the convention became effective as to the United States, referred to in text, is May 6, 1975.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-302, §2, June 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 345, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 1471 to 1473, 1479, 1482, and 1484 of this title] shall be effective upon the date of enactment [June 26, 1978], or upon the date the protocol becomes effective as to the United States, whichever is later.” [The protocol was adopted by the United States on Sept. 7, 1978, to be effective as to the United States upon its adoption by 15 countries. The protocol became effective as to the United States Mar. 30, 1983.]

**CHAPTER 29—DEEPWATER PORTS**

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| Sec.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(e) Recommendations to Secretary of Transportation; application for all Federal authorizations; copies of application to Federal agencies and departments with jurisdiction; recommendation of approval or disapproval and of manner of amendment to comply with laws or regulations.</li> <li>(f) NEPA compliance.</li> <li>(g) Public notice and hearings; evidentiary hearing in District of Columbia; decision of Secretary based on evidentiary record; consolidation of hearings.</li> <li>(h) Nonrefundable application fee; processing costs; State fees; "land-based facilities directly related to a deepwater port facility" defined; fair market rental value, advance payment.</li> <li>(i) Application approval; period for determination; priorities; criteria for determination of application best serving national interest.</li> </ul> | Sec.         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Inspection of copies; reproduction costs; protected information.</li> <li>(b) Information disclosure prohibition; confidentiality of certain disclosures.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1505. | <p>Environmental review criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Establishment; evaluation of proposed deepwater ports.</li> <li>(b) Review and revision.</li> <li>(c) Concurrent development of criteria and regulations.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1514.        | <p>Remedies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Criminal penalties.</li> <li>(b) Orders of compliance; Attorney General's civil action; jurisdiction and venue.</li> <li>(c) Attorney General's action for equitable relief; scope of relief.</li> <li>(d) Vessels; liability in rem; exempt vessels; consent or privity of owners or bareboat charterers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1506. | <p>Repealed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1515.        | <p>Citizen civil action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Equitable relief; case or controversy; district court jurisdiction.</li> <li>(b) Notice; intervention of right by person.</li> <li>(c) Intervention of right by Secretary or Attorney General.</li> <li>(d) Costs of litigation; attorney and witness fees.</li> <li>(e) Statutory or common law rights unaffected.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1507. | <p>Common carrier status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Status of deepwater ports and storage facilities.</li> <li>(b) Discrimination prohibition; exceptions.</li> <li>(c) Enforcement, suspension, or termination proceedings.</li> <li>(d) Managed access.</li> <li>(e) Jurisdiction.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1516.        | <p>Judicial review; persons aggrieved; jurisdiction of courts of appeal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1508. | <p>Adjacent coastal States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Designation; direct pipeline connections; mileage; risk of damage to coastal environment, time for designation.</li> <li>(b) Applications; submittal to Governors for approval or disapproval; consistency of Federal licenses and State programs; views of other interested States.</li> <li>(c) Reasonable progress toward development of coastal zone management program; planning grants.</li> <li>(d) State agreements or compacts.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1517, 1517a. | <p>Repealed or Omitted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1509. | <p>Marine environmental protection and navigational safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Regulations and procedures.</li> <li>(b) Safety of property and life; regulations.</li> <li>(c) Marking of components; payment of cost.</li> <li>(d) Safety zones; designation; construction period; permitted activities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1518.        | <p>Relationship to other laws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Federal Constitution, laws, and treaties applicable; other Federal requirements applicable; status of deepwater port; Federal or State authorities and responsibilities within territorial seas unaffected; notification by Secretary of State of intent to exercise jurisdiction; objections by foreign governments.</li> <li>(b) Law of nearest adjacent coastal State as applicable Federal law; Federal administration and enforcement of such law; nearest adjacent coastal State defined.</li> <li>(c) Vessels of United States and foreign states subject to Federal jurisdiction; objections to jurisdiction; designation of agent for service of process; duty of licensee.</li> <li>(d) Customs laws inapplicable to deepwater port; duties and taxes on foreign articles imported into customs territory of United States.</li> <li>(e) Federal district courts; original jurisdiction; venue.</li> </ul> |
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| 1511. | <p>Suspension or termination of licenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Proceedings by Attorney General; venue; conditions subsequent.</li> <li>(b) Public health or safety; danger to environment; completion of proceedings.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1520.        | <p>Pipeline safety and operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Standards and regulations for Outer Continental Shelf.</li> <li>(b), (c) Omitted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1512. | <p>Recordkeeping and inspection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Regulations; regulations under other provisions unaffected.</li> <li>(b) Access to deepwater ports in enforcement proceedings and execution of official duties; inspections and tests; notification of results.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1521.        | <p>Negotiations with Canada and Mexico; report to Congress.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1513. | <p>Public access to information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1522.        | <p>Limitations on export provisions of section 185(u) of title 30 unaffected.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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### § 1501. Congressional declaration of policy

(a) It is declared to be the purposes of the Congress in this chapter to—

(1) authorize and regulate the location, ownership, construction, and operation of deepwater ports in waters beyond the territorial limits of the United States;

(2) provide for the protection of the marine and coastal environment to prevent or mini-