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Administration.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Navy shall provide by regulations for establishing on ships and on shore stations dental services to be under the senior dental officer who shall be responsible to the commanding officer of such ship or shore station for all professional, technical, and administrative matters in connection therewith: *Provided*, That this section shall not be construed to impose any administrative requirements which would interfere with the proper functioning of battle organizations.

Repeal of conflicting laws.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and nothing contained herein shall act to reduce the grade or rank of any person.

Approved December 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 605]

AN ACT

December 28, 1945
[S. 914]
[Public Law 285]

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, so as to permit the designation of freight forwarders as carriers of bonded merchandise.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 551 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (U. S. C., 1940 ed., title 19, sec. 1551) be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Freight forwarders.
46 Stat. 742.

"SEC. 551. BONDING OF CARRIERS.—Under such regulations and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, any common carrier of merchandise owning or operating a railroad, steamship, or other transportation line or route for the transportation of merchandise in the United States, or any freight forwarder, as defined in section 402 of part IV of the Interstate Commerce Act (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, title 49, sec. 1002 (5)), upon application, may, in the discretion of the Secretary, be designated as a carrier of bonded merchandise for the final release of which from customs custody a permit has not been issued."

Designation as carriers of bonded merchandise.

56 Stat. 284.
49 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 1002 (5).

Approved December 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 606]

AN ACT

December 28, 1945
[S. 1471]
[Public Law 286]

To transfer certain land and personal property in Limestone County, Texas, to the State of Texas, acting by and through the State Board of Control.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, convey, grant, and quitclaim unto Texas Rural Communities, for subsequent use by or transfer to the State of Texas, acting by and through the State Board of Control, for the benefit and rehabilitation of convalescent or handicapped residents of the State of Texas, all right, title, claim, interest, equity, and estate in and to the real and personal property comprising the Mexia Colony project of Farm Security Administration, Limestone County, Texas, presently administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as trustee under an agreement of transfer, dated October 31, 1939, with Texas Rural Communities.

Limestone County, Tex.
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. Such transfer by the Secretary of Agriculture shall be subject to any legal rights existing by virtue of any lease or other agreement by the Secretary, his successors or representatives, as such trustee.

Existing rights.

SEC. 3. Any such transfer shall not be deemed to impose any liability upon the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to his obligations under such agreement of transfer of October 31, 1939.

Liability.

Approved December 28, 1945.