

Public Law 90-397

AN ACT

To exempt certain vessels engaged in the fishing industry from the requirements of certain laws.

July 11, 1968
[S. 2047]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4426 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (46 U.S.C. 404) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentences: "As used herein, the phrase 'engaged in fishing as a regular business' includes cannery tender or fishing tender vessels of not more than five hundred gross tons used in the salmon or crab fisheries of the States of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska which are engaged exclusively in (1) the carriage of cargo to or from vessels in the fishery or a facility used or to be used in the processing or assembling of fishery products, or (2) the transportation of cannery or fishing personnel to or from operating locations. The exemption of the foregoing sentence for cannery tender or fishing tender vessels shall continue in force for five years from the effective date of this amendment."

Fishing ves-
sels.
Exemption from
certain laws.
Inspection.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of the Act of August 27, 1935 (46 U.S.C. 88), is amended by designating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection (b) as follows:

Loadlines.
49 Stat. 888.

"(b) All cannery tender or fishing tender vessels of not more than five hundred gross tons used in the salmon or crab fisheries of the States of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska except those constructed after the effective date of this subsection or those converted to either of such services after five years from the effective date of this subsection are exempt from the requirements of this Act."

SEC. 3. The first proviso of section 1 of the Act of June 20, 1936 (46 U.S.C. 367), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentences: "As used herein, the phrase 'any vessel engaged in the fishing, oystering, clamming, crabbing, or any other branch of the fishery or kelp or sponge industries' includes cannery tender or fishing tender vessels of not more than five hundred gross tons used in the salmon or crab fisheries of the States of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska which are engaged exclusively in (1) the carriage of cargo to or from vessels in the fishery or a facility used or to be used in the processing or assembling of fishery products, or (2) the transportation of cannery or fishing personnel to or from operating locations. The exemption of the foregoing sentence for cannery tender or fishing tender vessels shall continue in force for five years from the effective date of this amendment."

Internal combus-
tion engines.
49 Stat. 1544.

SEC. 4. The first subparagraph of section 4417a of the Revised Statutes of the United States (46 U.S.C. 391a(1)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "Notwithstanding the first sentence hereof, cannery tenders, fishing tenders, or fishing vessels of not more than five hundred gross tons used in the salmon or crab fisheries of the States of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska when engaged exclusively in the fishing industry shall be allowed to have on board inflammable or combustible cargo in bulk to the extent and upon conditions as may be required by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating."

Combustible
cargo in bulk.

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