

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1196 of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by act June 28, 1955, ch. 196, 69 Stat. 187.

## CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 which comprises this chapter.

Section was formerly classified to section 812 of this title, and prior thereto to section 13 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1931—Act Feb. 23, 1931, substituted “shall apply to diplomatic officers below the grade of minister and to consular officers” for “shall include both branches of the Foreign Service”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1931 AMENDMENT

Section 7 of act Feb. 23, 1931, provided: “That this Act [see Tables for classification] shall take effect on July 1, 1931.”

**§ 4225. Fiscal districts; establishment; district accounting and disbursing offices; personnel; duties**

The President is authorized, whenever the necessity for such offices with a view to effecting economies in accounting procedure is apparent, to prescribe certain fiscal districts or areas and to establish within each such district as a part of the Department of State service, a district accounting and disbursing office to exercise control over the accounts and returns of all diplomatic missions and consular offices within the district in such manner as the President may direct. To each such office may be assigned the administrative accounting responsibility for receipts and expenditures of the diplomatic missions and consular offices within the district. Each district office shall be in charge of an accountable officer, to whom all fees, and other official monies, received by any diplomatic, consular, or Foreign Service officer may be accounted for, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State, all such fees and monies, or the residue thereof after the payment of salaries, allowances, and current expenses of the diplomatic missions and consular offices within the district, to be paid by the district accounting and disbursing officer into the Treasury of the United States. Such district accounting and disbursing officers accountable for public monies may entrust monies to other officers for the purpose of having them make disbursements as his agent, and the officer to whom the monies are entrusted, as well as the officer who entrusts the monies to him, shall be held pecuniarily responsible therefor to the United States. All diplomatic, consular or Foreign Service officers on duty within the area covered by such district offices may be required to render accounts of their disbursements to the officer in charge of such district office to be included in his accounts.

*Provided further,* That the Secretary of State is authorized to appoint such district accounting and disbursing officers and their assistants in the same manner as clerks in diplomatic missions and consular offices are appointed.

Section 3522 of title 31, and any other existing statutes, in so far as they conflict with this section are hereby amended.

(May 24, 1924, ch. 182, § 35, as added Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 276, § 7, 46 Stat. 1216; amended Pub. L. 92-310, title II, § 227(b), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 207.)

## CODIFICATION

“Section 3522 of title 31” substituted in text for “Section 3622 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U.S.C., title 31, sec. 496)”, on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, § 4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

Section was not enacted as part of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 which comprises this chapter.

Section was formerly classified to section 813 of this title, and prior thereto to section 23k of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-310 struck out provisions which required district accounting and disbursing officers and their agents to be bonded.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective July 1, 1931, see section 7 of act Feb. 23, 1931, set out as an Effective Date of 1931 Amendment note under section 4224 of this title.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Function of disbursement of moneys of the United States of any agency (with certain exceptions) transferred to Treasury Department by Ex. Ord. No. 6166, § 4, June 10, 1933, set out as a note under section 901 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Section 4 of Ex. Ord. No. 6166 was repealed by Pub. L. 97-258, § 5(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1086, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance. See section 3321 of Title 31.

**§ 4226. Fees and official monies from diplomatic missions, consular offices and district accounting and disbursing offices; disposition**

All fees and other official monies received by diplomatic missions or consular offices or by the district accounting and disbursing offices provided in section 4225 of this title, may be transmitted through the Department of State for deposit in the United States Treasury, or may be used in payment of salaries, allowances, and current expenses of said missions and offices, under such rules and regulations as the President may from time to time prescribe; the residue, if any, to be transmitted through the Department of State for deposit in the United States Treasury. Section 3302(b) of title 31 is hereby amended.

(May 24, 1924, ch. 182, § 36, as added Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 276, § 7, 46 Stat. 1216.)

## CODIFICATION

“Section 3302(b) of title 31” substituted in text for “Section 3617 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U.S.C., title 31, sec. 484)”, on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, § 4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

Section was not enacted as part of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 which comprises this chapter.

Section was formerly classified to section 814 of this title, and prior thereto to section 23l of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective July 1, 1931, see section 7 of act Feb. 23, 1931, set out as an Effective Date of 1931 Amendment note under section 4224 of this title.

**CHAPTER 53—AUTHORITIES RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS**

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### § 4301. Congressional declaration of findings and policy

#### (a) Findings

The Congress finds that the operation in the United States of foreign missions and public international organizations and the official missions to such organizations, including the permissible scope of their activities and the location and size of their facilities, is a proper subject for the exercise of Federal jurisdiction.

#### (b) Policy

The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States to support the secure and efficient operation of United States missions abroad, to facilitate the secure and efficient operation in the United States of foreign missions and public international organizations and the official missions to such organizations, and to assist in obtaining appropriate benefits, privileges, and immunities for those missions and organizations and to require their observance of corresponding obligations in accordance with international law.

#### (c) Treatment of foreign missions in United States

The treatment to be accorded to a foreign mission in the United States shall be determined by the Secretary after due consideration of the benefits, privileges, and immunities provided to missions of the United States in the country or territory represented by that foreign mission, as well as matters relating to the protection of the interests of the United States.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 201, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 283; amended Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 127(a), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 418.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-93 inserted “, as well as matters relating to the protection of the interests of the United States”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 204 of title II of Pub. L. 97-241 provided that: “The amendments made by this title [see Short Title note below] shall take effect on October 1, 1982.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-164, title VI, § 601, Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1042, provided that: “This title [enacting section 4304a of this title, amending sections 254e and 4303 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 4303 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Foreign Missions Amendments Act of 1983’.”

#### SHORT TITLE

Section 201 of title II of Pub. L. 97-241 provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter, amending sections 254a, 254b, 254c, 2662, and 2684 of this title and section 1364 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘Foreign Missions Act’.”

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 133, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1344, provided that:

“(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the United States Department of State, on September 15, 1987, declared itself to be a temporary foreign diplomatic mission for the purpose of denying free speech to American citizens who planned to protest the tyranny of the Soviet regime.

“(b) PROHIBITION.—It is not in the national security interest of the United States for the Department of State to declare, and it shall not declare, itself to be a foreign diplomatic mission.”

#### UNITED STATES-SOVIET RECIPROCITY IN MATTERS RELATING TO EMBASSIES

Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 134, Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 33, authorized Secretary of State to allow Soviet mission to United States to occupy, on a reciprocal basis, a consulate facility in United States, provided that United States mission in Kiev would be able to occupy an interim facility intended for conduct of unclassified activities, and required Secretary of State to submit to Congress a long-term plan for acquiring secure permanent facilities for United States mission in Kiev, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-199, title V, § 502(c)(1), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2326.

Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 153(a)-(d), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1353, authorized Secretary of State to obtain full cooperation of Soviet government, on a reciprocal basis, in areas of diplomatic and consular finance, access to goods, and use of real property and prohibited Secretary of State from allowing Soviet mission to United States to occupy any new consulate in United States until United States mission in Kiev was able to occupy secure permanent facilities, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-199, title V, § 502(e)(1), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2326. Section 153(d) of Pub. L. 100-204 was also repealed by Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 139(15), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 398.

### § 4302. Definitions

(a) For purposes of this chapter—

(1) “benefit” (with respect to a foreign mission) means any acquisition, or authorization for an acquisition, in the United States by or for a foreign mission, including the acquisition of—

(A) real property by purchase, lease, exchange, construction, or otherwise,

(B) public services, including services relating to customs, importation, and utilities, and the processing of applications or requests relating to public services,

(C) supplies, maintenance, and transportation,

(D) locally engaged staff on a temporary or regular basis,

(E) travel and related services,

- (F) protective services, and  
 (G) financial and currency exchange services,

and includes such other benefits as the Secretary may designate;

(2) “chancery” means the principal offices of a foreign mission used for diplomatic or related purposes, and annexes to such offices (including ancillary offices and support facilities), and includes the site and any building on such site which is used for such purposes;

(3) “foreign mission” means any mission to or agency or entity in the United States which is involved in the diplomatic, consular, or other activities of, or which is substantially owned or effectively controlled by—

- (A) a foreign government, or  
 (B) an organization (other than an international organization, as defined in section 4309(b) of this title) representing a territory or political entity which has been granted diplomatic or other official privileges and immunities under the laws of the United States or which engages in some aspect of the conduct of the international affairs of such territory or political entity,

including any real property of such a mission and including the personnel of such a mission;

(4) “real property” includes any right, title, or interest in or to, or the beneficial use of, any real property in the United States, including any office or other building;

(5) “Secretary” means the Secretary of State;

(6) “sending State” means the foreign government, territory, or political entity represented by a foreign mission; and

(7) “United States” means, when used in a geographic sense, the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(b) Determinations with respect to the meaning and applicability of the terms used in subsection (a) of this section shall be committed to the discretion of the Secretary.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 202, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 283; amended Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 127(b), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 418; Pub. L. 99-569, title VII, § 701, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3204; Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 153(e), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1353; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(o)(1), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 409.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title II of act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, as added Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), 96 Stat. 283, known as the Foreign Missions Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4301 of this title and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a)(3) to (8). Pub. L. 103-236 struck out par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (4) to (8) as (3) to (7), respectively. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: “‘Director’ means the Director of the Office of Foreign Missions established pursuant to section 4303(a) of this title;”.

1987—Subsec. (a)(1)(G). Pub. L. 100-204 added subpar. (G).

1986—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 99-569 amended par. (4) generally, substituting “which is involved in the diplomatic, consular, or other activities of, or which is substantially owned or effectively controlled by” for “involving diplomatic, consular, or other governmental activities of”.

1985—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 99-93 substituted “mission to or agency in” for “official mission to” in introductory provisions, and inserted “or which engages in some aspect of the conduct of the international affairs of such territory or political entity” before the comma at end of subpar. (B).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-236 applicable with respect to officials, offices, and bureaus of Department of State when executive orders, regulations, or departmental directives implementing the amendments by sections 161 and 162 of Pub. L. 103-236 become effective, or 90 days after Apr. 30, 1994, whichever comes earlier, see section 161(b) of Pub. L. 103-236, as amended, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

#### § 4303. Authorities of Secretary of State

The Secretary shall carry out the following functions:

(1) Assist agencies of Federal, State, and municipal government with regard to ascertaining and according benefits, privileges, and immunities to which a foreign mission may be entitled.

(2) Provide or assist in the provision of benefits for or on behalf of a foreign mission in accordance with section 4304 of this title.

(3) As determined by the Secretary, dispose of property acquired in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.<sup>1</sup>

(4) As determined by the Secretary, designate an office within the Department of State to carry out the purposes of this chapter.<sup>1</sup> If such an office is established, the President may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Director, with the rank of ambassador. Of the Director and the next most senior person in the office, one should be an individual who has served in the Foreign Service and the other should be an individual who has served in the United States intelligence community.

(5) Perform such other functions as the Secretary may determine necessary in furtherance of the policy of this chapter.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 203, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 284; amended Pub. L. 98-164, title VI, § 604(a), (b), Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1043, 1044; Pub. L. 98-618, title VI, § 601(c), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3303; Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 173(a)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1360; Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 116(a), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(o)(2), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 409.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in pars. (3) and (4), was in the original “this Act” and was translated as reading “this title” meaning title II of act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, as added Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), 96 Stat. 283, known as the Foreign Missions Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4301 of this title and Tables.

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-236 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section required Secretary of State to establish Office of Foreign Missions in Department of State, provided for Director and Deputy Director of Office, and specified their powers and duties.

1990—Subsec. (c)(3), (4). Pub. L. 101-246 added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-204 inserted sentence at end relating to compensation of Director.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-618, §601(c)(1), struck out requirements that Director be an individual with: minimum of ten years service in the Foreign Service, significant administrative experience, and service in countries wherein the United States has had significant problems in assuring secure and efficient operations of its missions as result of the actions of other countries.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-618, §601(c)(2), substituted requirement of prior complementary service of the Director and Deputy Director in the Foreign Service and the Intelligence Community for requirement that Deputy Director must have served in the Intelligence Community.

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-164, §604(a), inserted provisions respecting rank, and experience required of the Director, and substituted provision requiring appointment by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for provision requiring appointment by the Secretary.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 98-164, §604(b), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-236 applicable with respect to officials, offices, and bureaus of Department of State when executive orders, regulations, or departmental directives implementing the amendments by sections 161 and 162 of Pub. L. 103-236 become effective, or 90 days after Apr. 30, 1994, whichever comes earlier, see section 161(b) of Pub. L. 103-236, as amended, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-204 effective 30 days after Dec. 22, 1987, see section 173(b) of Pub. L. 100-204, set out as a note under section 2707 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 601(d) of Pub. L. 98-618 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (c) [amending this section] shall apply only with respect to any appointment of a Director or Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, as the case may be, after the date of the enactment of this section [Nov. 8, 1984].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Section 604(c) of Pub. L. 98-164 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to any Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to any Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, appointed after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 22, 1983].”

#### NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY

Any new spending authority provided by amendment by section 173(a)(2) of Pub. L. 100-204 effective for any fiscal year only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts, see section 173(c) of Pub. L. 100-204, set out as a note under section 2707 of this title.

### § 4304. Provision of benefits

#### (a) Request by foreign mission; terms and conditions as approved by Secretary

Upon the request of a foreign mission, benefits may be provided to or for that foreign mission

by or through the Secretary on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may approve.

#### (b) Benefits through Secretary as mandatory; compliance with terms and conditions

If the Secretary determines that such action is reasonably necessary on the basis of reciprocity or otherwise—

(1) to facilitate relations between the United States and a sending State,

(2) to protect the interests of the United States,

(3) to adjust for costs and procedures of obtaining benefits for missions of the United States abroad,

(4) to assist in resolving a dispute affecting United States interests and involving a foreign mission or sending State, or

(5) subject to subsection (f) of this section, to implement an exchange of property between the Government of the United States and the government of a foreign country, such property to be used by each government in the respective receiving state for, or in connection with, diplomatic or consular establishments,

then the Secretary may require a foreign mission (A) to obtain benefits from or through the Secretary on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may approve, or (B) to forego the acceptance, use, or relation of any benefit or to comply with such terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine as a condition to the execution or performance in the United States of any contract or other agreement, the acquisition, retention, or use of any real property, or the application for or acceptance of any benefit (including any benefit from or authorized by any Federal, State, or municipal governmental authority, or any entity providing public services).

#### (c) Surcharge or fee; waiver of recourse

Terms and conditions established by the Secretary under this section may include—

(1) a requirement to pay to the Secretary a surcharge or fee, and

(2) a waiver by a foreign mission (or any assignee of or person deriving rights from a foreign mission) of any recourse against any governmental authority, any entity providing public services, any employee or agent of such an authority or entity, or any other person, in connection with any action determined by the Secretary to be undertaken in furtherance of this chapter.

#### (d) Agent for waiver of recourse

For purposes of effectuating a waiver of recourse which is required under this section, the Secretary may designate any officer of the Department of State as the agent of a foreign mission (or of any assignee of or person deriving rights from a foreign mission). Any such waiver by an officer so designated shall for all purposes (including any court or administrative proceeding) be deemed to be a waiver by the foreign mission (or the assignee of or other person deriving rights from a foreign mission).

#### (e) Secret Service protection

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to preclude or limit in any way the authority of the United States Secret Service to provide pro-

tective services pursuant to section 3056 or 3056A of title 18 at a level commensurate with protective requirements as determined by the United States Secret Service.

**(f) In-kind exchange of properties with foreign government; transfer of funds; reciprocal agreement; regulations**

(1) Upon a determination in each specific case by the Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee that the purpose of the Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926 [22 U.S.C. 292 et seq.], can best be met on the basis of an in-kind exchange of properties with a foreign country pursuant to subsection (b)(5) of this section, the Secretary of State may transfer funds made available under the heading "Acquisition and Maintenance of Buildings Abroad" (including funds held in the Foreign Service Buildings Fund) for such purpose to the Working Capital Fund, as provided in section 4308(h)(1) of this title. Except for funds that may be provided by a foreign government for the purchase of property, only funds transferred under the preceding sentence may be used for the purposes of subsection (b)(5) of this section.

(2) The Secretary of State may acquire property in the United States for the purposes of subsection (b)(5) of this section only in the context of a specific reciprocal agreement with a specified foreign government. Property acquired by the United States in the foreign country through such an exchange shall benefit the United States at least to the same extent as the property acquired in the United States benefits the foreign government.

(3) The Secretary of State shall prescribe regulations for the implementation of any in-kind exchange of properties pursuant to subsection (b)(5) of this section.

(4) At least 15 days before entering into any reciprocal agreement for the exchange of property with another foreign government, the Secretary of State shall notify the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(5)(A) Proceeds from the disposition of properties acquired pursuant to this subsection shall be credited to the Foreign Service Buildings Fund (referred to in section 9 of the Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926 [22 U.S.C. 300]).

(B) The authority to spend proceeds received under subparagraph (A) may be exercised only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in an appropriation Act.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 204, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 284; amended Pub. L. 99-93, title I, §§ 126(b), 127(c), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 418; Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 116(b), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(o)(3), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 410; Pub. L. 103-415, § 1(cc), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4302; Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, § 605(d)(2), (e)(2)(B), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926, referred to in subsec. (f)(1), is act May 7, 1926, ch. 250, 44 Stat. 403, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 8

(§ 292 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 299 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-177, § 605(e)(2)(B), substituted "section 3056 or 3056A of title 18" for "section 202 of title 3 or section 3056 of title 18".

Pub. L. 109-177, § 605(d)(2), which directed amendment of section 204(e) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act by substituting "sections 3056 or 3056A" for "section 202 of title 3 or section 3056", was not executed, because this section is section 204 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 and because of the amendment by Pub. L. 105-277, § 605(e)(2)(B). See note above.

1994—Subsecs. (a) to (c)(1). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(3)(A), substituted "Secretary on such terms" for "Director on such terms" in subsecs. (a) and (b) and "Secretary" for "Director" in subsec. (c)(1).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(3)(B), as amended by Pub. L. 103-415, substituted "any officer" for "the Director or any other officer".

1990—Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 101-246, § 116(b)(1), added par. (5).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-246, § 116(b)(2), added subsec. (f).

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-93, § 127(c), inserted "to forego the acceptance, use, or relation of any benefit or" after "(B)" in provisions following par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-93, § 126(b), substituted "chapter" for "section" and was executed by making the substitution to first reference to "section" as the probable intent of Congress.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Public Works and Transportation of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-236 applicable with respect to officials, offices, and bureaus of Department of State when executive orders, regulations, or departmental directives implementing the amendments by sections 161 and 162 of Pub. L. 103-236 become effective, or 90 days after Apr. 30, 1994, whichever comes earlier, see section 161(b) of Pub. L. 103-236, as amended, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 126(b) of Pub. L. 99-93 effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 126(e) of Pub. L. 99-93, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4314 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of the functions, personnel, assets, and obligations of the United States Secret Service, including the functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 381, 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 4304a. Enforcement of compliance with liability insurance requirements**

**(a) Notice to Secretary by head of foreign mission of lapse or termination of coverage; report to Secretary by head of foreign mission respecting motor vehicles, vessels and aircraft registered in United States**

(1) The head of a foreign mission shall notify promptly the Secretary of the lapse or termi-

nation of any liability insurance coverage held by a member of the mission, by a member of the family of such member, or by an individual described in section 19 of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of February 13, 1946.

(2) Not later than February 1 of each year, the head of each foreign mission shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary a report including a list of motor vehicles, vessels, and aircraft registered in the United States by members of the mission, members of the families of such members, individuals described in section 19 of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of February 13, 1946, and by the mission itself. Such list shall set forth for each such motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft—

- (A) the jurisdiction in which it is registered;
- (B) the name of the insured;
- (C) the name of the insurance company;
- (D) the insurance policy number and the extent of insurance coverage; and
- (E) such other information as the Secretary may prescribe.

**(b) Surcharge or fee covering unsatisfied part of judgment; preconditions for imposition**

Whenever the Secretary finds that a member of a foreign mission, a member of the family of such member, or an individual described in section 19 of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of February 13, 1946—

- (1) is at fault for personal injury, death, or property damage arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft in the United States,
- (2) is not covered by liability insurance, and
- (3) has not satisfied a court-rendered judgment against him or is not legally liable,

the Secretary shall impose a surcharge or fee on the foreign mission of which such member or individual is a part, amounting to the unsatisfied portion of the judgment rendered against such member or individual or, if there is no court-rendered judgment, an estimated amount of damages incurred by the victim. The payment of any such surcharge or fee shall be available only for compensation of the victim or his estate.

**(c) Definitions**

For purposes of this section—

- (1) the term “head of a foreign mission” has the same meaning as is ascribed to the term “head of a mission” in Article 1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961 (T.I.A.S. numbered 7502; 23 U.S.T. 3227); and
- (2) the terms “members of a mission” and “family” have the same meanings as is ascribed to them by paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 254a of this title.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §204A, as added Pub. L. 98-164, title VI, §603, Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1042; amended Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §162(o)(4), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 410.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 103-236 substituted “Secretary” for “Director” wherever appearing.

**§ 4304b. Crimes committed by diplomats**

**(a) Annual report concerning diplomatic immunity**

**(1) Report to Congress**

The Secretary of State shall prepare and submit to the Congress, annually, a report concerning diplomatic immunity entitled “Report on Cases Involving Diplomatic Immunity”.

**(2) Content of report**

In addition to such other information as the Secretary of State may consider appropriate, the report under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) The number of persons residing in the United States who enjoy full immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the United States under laws extending diplomatic privileges and immunities.

(B) Each case involving an alien described in subparagraph (A) in which an appropriate authority of a State, a political subdivision of a State, or the United States reported to the Department of State that the authority had reasonable cause to believe the alien committed a serious criminal offense within the United States, and any additional information provided to the Secretary relating to other serious criminal offenses that any such authority had reasonable cause to believe the alien committed before the period covered by the report. The Secretary may omit from such report any matter the provision of which the Secretary reasonably believes would compromise a criminal investigation or prosecution or which would directly compromise law enforcement or intelligence sources or methods.

(C) Each case described in subparagraph (B) in which the Secretary of State has certified that a person enjoys full immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the United States under laws extending diplomatic privileges and immunities.

(D) The number of United States citizens who are residing in a receiving state and who enjoy full immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of such state under laws extending diplomatic privileges and immunities.

(E) Each case involving a United States citizen under subparagraph (D) in which the United States has been requested by the government of a receiving state to waive the immunity from criminal jurisdiction of the United States citizen.

(F) Whether the Secretary has made the notifications referred to in subsection (c) of this section during the period covered by the report.

**(3) “Serious criminal offense” defined**

For the purposes of this section, the term “serious criminal offense” means—

(A) any felony under Federal, State, or local law;

(B) any Federal, State, or local offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year;

(C) any crime of violence as defined for purposes of section 16 of title 18; or

- (D)(i) driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- (ii) reckless driving; or
- (iii) driving while intoxicated.

**(b) United States policy concerning reform of diplomatic immunity**

It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of State should explore, in appropriate fora, whether states should enter into agreements and adopt legislation—

- (1) to provide jurisdiction in the sending state to prosecute crimes committed in the receiving state by persons entitled to immunity from criminal jurisdiction under laws extending diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- (2) to provide that where there is probable cause to believe that an individual who is entitled to immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the receiving state under laws extending diplomatic privileges and immunities committed a serious crime, the sending state will waive such immunity or the sending state will prosecute such individual.

**(c) Notification of diplomatic corps**

The Secretary should periodically notify each foreign mission of United States policies relating to criminal offenses committed by individuals with immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the United States under laws extending diplomatic privileges and immunities.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §204B, as added Pub. L. 105-375, §1, Nov. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 3385.)

CODIFICATION

Section 1 of Pub. L. 105-375, which directed amendment of title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 by adding this section after section 204A, was executed by adding this section after section 204A of title II of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**§ 4305. Property of foreign missions**

**(a) Proposed acquisition, sale, or other disposition**

(1) The Secretary shall require any foreign mission, including any mission to an international organization (as defined in section 4309(b)(2) of this title), to notify the Secretary prior to any proposed acquisition, or any proposed sale or other disposition, of any real property by or on behalf of such mission. The foreign mission (or other party acting on behalf of the foreign mission) may initiate or execute any contract, proceeding, application, or other action required for the proposed action—

(A) only after the expiration of the 60-day period beginning on the date of such notification (or after the expiration of such shorter period as the Secretary may specify in a given case); and

(B) only if the mission is not notified by the Secretary within that period that the proposal has been disapproved; however, the Secretary may include in such a notification such terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine appropriate in order to remove the disapproval.

(2) For purposes of this section, “acquisition” includes any acquisition or alteration of, or ad-

dition to, any real property or any change in the purpose for which real property is used by a foreign mission.

**(b) Divesture**

The Secretary may require any foreign mission to divest itself of, or forgo the use of, any real property determined by the Secretary—

- (1) not to have been acquired in accordance with this section;
- (2) to exceed limitations placed on real property available to a United States mission in the sending State; or
- (3) where otherwise necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

**(c) Cessation of diplomatic, consular, and other governmental activities in United States; protecting power or other agent; disposition of property**

If a foreign mission has ceased conducting diplomatic, consular, and other governmental activities in the United States and has not designated a protecting power or other agent approved by the Secretary to be responsible for the property of that foreign mission, the Secretary—

(1) until the designation of a protecting power or other agent approved by the Secretary, may protect and preserve any property of that foreign mission; and

(2) may dispose of such property at such time as the Secretary may determine after the expiration of the one-year period beginning on the date that the foreign mission ceased those activities, and may remit to the sending State the net proceeds from such disposition.

**(d) Protection from future hostile intelligence activities in United States**

(1) After December 22, 1987, real property in the United States may not be acquired (by sale, lease, or other means) by or on behalf of the foreign mission of a foreign country described in paragraph (4) if, in the judgment of the Secretary of Defense (after consultation with the Secretary of State), the acquisition of that property might substantially improve the capability of that country to intercept communications involving United States Government diplomatic, military, or intelligence matters.

(2) After December 22, 1987, real property in the United States may not be acquired (by sale, lease, or other means) by or on behalf of the foreign mission of a foreign country described in paragraph (4) if, in the judgment of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (after consultation with the Secretary of State), the acquisition of that property might substantially improve the capability of that country to engage in intelligence activities directed against the United States Government, other than the intelligence activities described in paragraph (1).

(3) The Secretary of State shall inform the Secretary of Defense and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately upon notice being given pursuant to subsection (a) of this section of a proposed acquisition of real property by or on behalf of the foreign mission of a foreign country described in paragraph (4).

(4) For the purposes of this subsection, the term “foreign country” means—

(A) any country listed as a Communist country in section 2370(f) of this title;

(B) any country determined by the Secretary of State, for purposes of section 2405(j) of the Appendix to title 50, to be a country which has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism; and

(C) any other country which engages in intelligence activities in the United States which are adverse to the national security interests of the United States.

(5) As used in this section, the term “substantially improve” shall not be construed to prevent the establishment of a foreign mission by a country which, on December 22, 1987—

(A) does not have a mission in the United States, or

(B) with respect to a city in the United States, did not maintain a mission in that city.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 205, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 285; amended Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 127(d), (e), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 418; Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 161, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1356; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(o)(5), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 410.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(5)(A), substituted “Secretary prior to” for “Director prior to” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(5)(B), struck out “authorize the Director to” before “dispose of”.

1987—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-204 added subsec. (d).

1985—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 99-93, § 127(e), substituted “shall” for “may” and inserted “, including any mission to an international organization (as defined in section 4309(b)(2) of this title),” after “foreign mission” in first sentence, and substituted “The” for “If such a notification is required, the” in second sentence.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 99-93, § 127(d), added par. (3).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-236 applicable with respect to officials, offices, and bureaus of Department of State when executive orders, regulations, or departmental directives implementing the amendments by sections 161 and 162 of Pub. L. 103-236 become effective, or 90 days after Apr. 30, 1994, whichever comes earlier, see section 161(b) of Pub. L. 103-236, as amended, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

### § 4306. Location of foreign missions in the District of Columbia

#### (a) Section as governing location, replacement, or expansion

The location, replacement, or expansion of chanceries in the District of Columbia shall be subject to this section.

#### (b) Acceptable areas; limitations and conditions

(1) A chancery shall be permitted to locate as a matter of right in any area which is zoned commercial, industrial, waterfront, or mixed-use (CR).

(2) A chancery shall also be permitted to locate—

(A) in any area which is zoned medium-high or high density residential, and

(B) in any other area, determined on the basis of existing uses, which includes office or

institutional uses, including but not limited to any area zoned mixed-use diplomatic or special purpose,

subject to disapproval by the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment in accordance with this section.

(3) In each of the areas described in paragraphs (1) and (2), the limitations and conditions applicable to chanceries shall not exceed those applicable to other office or institutional uses in that area.

#### (c) Filing of application with Board of Zoning Adjustment; publication of notice; public participation; final determination

(1) If a foreign mission wishes to locate a chancery in an area described in subsection (b)(2) of this section, or wishes to appeal an administrative decision relating to a chancery based in whole or in part upon any zoning map or regulation, it shall file an application with the Board of Zoning Adjustment which shall publish notice of that application in the District of Columbia Register.

(2) Regulations issued to carry out this section shall provide appropriate opportunities for participation by the public in proceedings concerning the location, replacement, or expansion of chanceries.

(3) A final determination concerning the location, replacement, or expansion of a chancery shall be made not later than six months after the date of the filing of an application with respect to such location, replacement, or expansion. Such determination shall not be subject to the administrative proceedings of any other agency or official except as provided in this chapter.

#### (d) Criteria for determination

Any determination concerning the location of a chancery under subsection (b)(2) of this section, or concerning an appeal of an administrative decision with respect to a chancery based in whole or in part upon any zoning regulation or map, shall be based solely on the following criteria:

(1) The international obligation of the United States to facilitate the provision of adequate and secure facilities for foreign missions in the Nation’s Capital.

(2) Historic preservation, as determined by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in carrying out this section; and in order to ensure compatibility with historic landmarks and districts, substantial compliance with District of Columbia and Federal regulations governing historic preservation shall be required with respect to new construction and to demolition of or alteration to historic landmarks.

(3) The adequacy of off-street or other parking and the extent to which the area will be served by public transportation to reduce parking requirements, subject to such special security requirements as may be determined by the Secretary, after consultation with Federal agencies authorized to perform protective services.

(4) The extent to which the area is capable of being adequately protected, as determined by the Secretary, after consultation with Federal

agencies authorized to perform protective services.

(5) The municipal interest, as determined by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

(6) The Federal interest, as determined by the Secretary.

**(e) Consistency of regulations, proceedings, and other actions; review and comment by National Planning Commission**

(1) Regulations, proceedings, and other actions of the National Capital Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia, and the Board of Zoning Adjustment affecting the location, replacement, or expansion of chanceries shall be consistent with this section (including the criteria set out in subsection (d) of this section) and shall reflect the policy of this chapter.

(2) Proposed actions of the Zoning Commission concerning implementation of this section shall be referred to the National Capital Planning Commission for review and comment.

**(f) Rule-making nature of proceedings**

Regulations issued to carry out this section shall provide for proceedings of a rule-making and not of an adjudicatory nature.

**(g) Compliance with District of Columbia building and related codes**

The Secretary shall require foreign missions to comply substantially with District of Columbia building and related codes in a manner determined by the Secretary to be not inconsistent with the international obligations of the United States.

**(h) Approval of Board of Zoning Adjustment or Zoning Commission not required**

Approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment or the Zoning Commission or, except as provided in section 4305 of this title, by any other agency or official is not required—

(1) for the location, replacement, or expansion of a chancery to the extent that authority to proceed, or rights or interests, with respect to such location, replacement, or expansion were granted to or otherwise acquired by the foreign mission before October 1, 1982; or

(2) for continuing use of a chancery by a foreign mission to the extent that the chancery was being used by a foreign mission on October 1, 1982.

**(i) Membership on Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment**

(1) The President may designate the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior, or the Administrator of General Services (or such alternate as such official may from time to time designate) to serve as a member of the Zoning Commission in lieu of the Director of the National Park Service whenever the President determines that the Zoning Commission is performing functions concerning the implementation of this section.

(2) Whenever the Board of Zoning Adjustment is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to the location, expansion, or replacement of a chancery—

(A) the representative from the Zoning Commission shall be the Director of the National

Park Service or if another person has been designated under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the person so designated; and

(B) the representative from the National Capital Planning Commission shall be the Executive Director of that Commission.

**(j) Application of other laws**

Provisions of law (other than this chapter) applicable with respect to the location, replacement, or expansion of real property in the District of Columbia shall apply with respect to chanceries only to the extent that they are consistent with this section.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §206, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 286.)

**§ 4307. Preemption**

Notwithstanding any other law, no act of any Federal agency shall be effective to confer or deny any benefit with respect to any foreign mission contrary to this chapter. Nothing in section 4302, 4303, 4304, or 4305 of this title may be construed to preempt any State or municipal law or governmental authority regarding zoning, land use, health, safety, or welfare, except that a denial by the Secretary involving a benefit for a foreign mission within the jurisdiction of a particular State or local government shall be controlling.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 288.)

**§ 4308. General provisions**

**(a) Issuance of regulations**

The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary may determine necessary to carry out the policy of this chapter.

**(b) Discharge of obligation; liability**

Compliance with any regulation, instruction, or direction issued by the Secretary under this chapter shall to the extent thereof be a full acquittance and discharge for all purposes of the obligation of the person making the same. No person shall be held liable in any court or administrative proceeding for or with respect to anything done or omitted in good faith in connection with the administration of, or pursuant to and in reliance on, this chapter, or any regulation, instruction, or direction issued by the Secretary under this chapter.

**(c) Use of employees from other Federal agencies; experts and consultants**

For purposes of administering this chapter—

(1) the Secretary may accept details and assignments of employees of Federal agencies to the Department of State on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis (with any such reimbursements to be credited to the appropriations made available for the salaries and expenses of officers and employees of the employing agency); and

(2) the Secretary may, to the extent necessary to obtain services without delay, exercise his authority to employ experts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5 without

requiring compliance with such otherwise applicable requirements for that employment as the Secretary may determine, except that such employment shall be terminated after 60 days if by that time those requirements are not complied with.

**(d) Contracts and subcontracts for supplies and services; advertisement; factors considered**

Contracts and subcontracts for supplies or services, including personal services, made by or on behalf of the Secretary shall be made after advertising, in such manner and at such times as the Secretary shall determine to be adequate to ensure notice and opportunity for competition, except that advertisement shall not be required when (1) the Secretary determines that it is impracticable or will not permit timely performance to obtain bids by advertising, or (2) the aggregate amount involved in a purchase of supplies or procurement of services does not exceed \$10,000. Such contracts and subcontracts may be entered into without regard to laws and regulations otherwise applicable to solicitation, negotiation, administration, and performance of government contracts. In awarding contracts, the Secretary may consider such factors as relative quality and availability of supplies or services and the compatibility of the supplies or services with implementation of this chapter.

**(e) Transfer or loan of property to or from Department of State**

The head of any Federal agency may, for purposes of this chapter—

(1) transfer or loan any property to, and perform administrative and technical support functions and services for the operations of, the Department of State (with reimbursements to agencies under this paragraph to be credited to the current applicable appropriation of the agency concerned); and

(2) acquire and accept services from the Department of State, including (whenever the Secretary determines it to be in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter) acquisitions without regard to laws normally applicable to the acquisition of services by such agency.

**(f) Attachment, execution, etc., of assets**

Assets of or under the control of the Department of State, wherever situated, which are used by or held for the use of a foreign mission shall not be subject to attachment, execution, injunction, or similar process, whether intermediate or final.

**(g) Discretion of Secretary**

Except as otherwise provided, any determination required under this chapter shall be committed to the discretion of the Secretary.

**(h) Transfer and credit of funds**

(1) In order to implement this chapter, the Secretary may transfer to the working capital fund established by section 2684 of this title such amounts available to the Department of State as may be necessary.

(2) All revenues, including proceeds from gifts and donations, received by the Secretary in carrying out this chapter may be credited to the working capital fund established by section 2684 of this title and shall be available for purposes of this chapter in accordance with that section.

(3) Only amounts transferred or credited to the working capital fund established by section 2684 of this title may be used in carrying out the functions of the Secretary or the Director under this chapter.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 208, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 288; amended Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(o)(6), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 410.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(6)(B), substituted “Department of State” for “Office of Foreign Missions”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(6)(A), substituted “behalf of the Secretary” for “behalf of the Director”.

Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(6)(B), substituted “Department of State” for “Office of Foreign Missions” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(o)(6)(C), struck out “Director or the” after “received by the”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-236 applicable with respect to officials, offices, and bureaus of Department of State when executive orders, regulations, or departmental directives implementing the amendments by sections 161 and 162 of Pub. L. 103-236 become effective, or 90 days after Apr. 30, 1994, whichever comes earlier, see section 161(b) of Pub. L. 103-236, as amended, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

**§ 4309. Application to public international organizations and official missions to such organizations**

**(a) Determination by Secretary**

The Secretary may make section 4306 of this title, or any other provision of this chapter, applicable with respect to an international organization to the same extent that it is applicable with respect to a foreign mission if the Secretary determines that such application is necessary to carry out the policy set forth in section 4301(b) of this title and to further the objectives set forth in section 4304(b) of this title.

**(b) “International organization” defined**

For purposes of this section, “international organization” means—

(1) a public international organization designated as such pursuant to the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288—288f-2) or a public international organization created pursuant to a treaty or other international agreement as an instrument through or by which two or more foreign governments engage in some aspect of their conduct of international affairs; and

(2) an official mission (other than a United States mission) to such a public international organization,

including any real property of such an organization or mission and including the personnel of such an organization or mission.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 209, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 289.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The International Organizations Immunities Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is act Dec. 29, 1945, ch. 652, title I, 59 Stat. 669, as amended, which is classified prin-

cipally to subchapter XVIII (§288 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of that Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 288 of this title and Tables.

**§ 4309a. United States responsibilities for employees of the United Nations**

**(a) Findings**

The Congress finds that—

(1) pursuant to the Agreement Between the United States and the United Nations Regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations (authorized by Public Law 80-357 (22 U.S.C. 287 note)), the United States has accepted—

(A) the obligation to permit and to facilitate the right of individuals, who are employed by or are authorized by the United Nations to conduct official business in connection with that organization or its agencies, to enter into and exit from the United States for purposes of conducting official activities within the United Nations Headquarters District, subject to regulation as to points of entry and departure; and

(B) the implied obligation to permit and to facilitate the acquisition of facilities in order to conduct such activities within or in proximity to the United Nations Headquarters District, subject to reasonable regulation including regulation of the location and size of such facilities; and

(2) taking into account paragraph (1) and consistent with the obligation of the United States to facilitate the functioning of the United Nations, the United States has no additional obligation to permit the conduct of any other activities, including nonofficial activities, by such individuals outside of the United Nations Headquarters District.

**(b) Activities of United Nations employees**

(1) The conduct of any activities, or the acquisition of any benefits (as defined in section 4301(a)(1) of this title), outside the United Nations Headquarters District by any individual employed by, or authorized by the United Nations to conduct official business in connection with, that organization or its agencies, or by any person or agency acting on behalf thereof, may be permitted or denied or subject to reasonable regulation, as determined to be in the best interests of the United States and pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Repealed. Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §139(26), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 399.

**(c) Reports**

The Secretary shall report to the Congress—

(1) not later than 30 days after August 16, 1985, on the plans of the Secretary for implementing this section; and

(2) not later than 6 months thereafter, on the actions taken pursuant to those plans.

**(d) United States nationals**

This section shall not apply with respect to any United States national.

**(e) “United Nations Headquarters District” defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “United Nations Headquarters District” means the area

within the United States which is agreed to by the United Nations and the United States to constitute such a district, together with such other areas as the Secretary of State may approve from time to time in order to permit effective functioning of the United Nations or missions to the United Nations.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §209A, as added Pub. L. 99-93, title I, §141, Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 423; amended Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §139(26), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 399.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Public Law 80-357, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is act Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 482, 61 Stat. 756, which is set out as a note under section 287 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 103-236 struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “The Secretary shall apply to those employees of the United Nations Secretariat who are nationals of a foreign country or members of a foreign mission all terms, limitations, restrictions, and conditions which are applicable pursuant to this chapter to the members of that country’s mission or of any other mission to the United Nations unless the Secretary determines and reports to the Congress that national security and foreign policy circumstances require that this paragraph be waived in specific circumstances.”

**§ 4310. Privileges and immunities**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the authority of the United States to carry out its international obligations, or to supersede or limit immunities otherwise available by law. No act or omission by any foreign mission, public international organization, or official mission to such an organization, in compliance with this chapter shall be deemed to be an implied waiver of any immunity otherwise provided for by law.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §210, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 290.)

**§ 4311. Enforcement**

**(a) Benefits to foreign missions contrary to this chapter; standing of United States to bring action for compliance**

It shall be unlawful for any person to make available any benefits to a foreign mission contrary to this chapter. The United States, acting on its own behalf or on behalf of a foreign mission, has standing to bring or intervene in an action to obtain compliance with this chapter, including any action for injunctive or other equitable relief.

**(b) Advice of Secretary concerning transactions with foreign missions**

Upon the request of any Federal agency, any State or local government agency, or any business or other person that proposes to enter into a contract or other transaction with a foreign mission, the Secretary shall advise whether the proposed transaction is prohibited by any regulation or determination of the Secretary under this chapter.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §211, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 290.)

### § 4312. Presidential guidelines

The authorities granted to the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be exercised in accordance with procedures and guidelines approved by the President.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 212, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 290.)

### § 4313. Severability

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of such provision to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 213, as added Pub. L. 97-241, title II, § 202(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 290.)

### § 4314. Extraordinary protective services

#### (a) General authority

The Secretary may provide extraordinary protective services for foreign missions directly, by contract, or through State or local authority to the extent deemed necessary by the Secretary in carrying out this chapter, except that the Secretary may not provide under this section any protective services for which authority exists to provide such services under subsections (a)(7) and (d) of section 3056A of title 18.

#### (b) Requirement of extraordinary circumstances

The Secretary may provide funds to a State or local authority for protective services under this section only if the Secretary has determined that a threat of violence, or other circumstances, exists which requires extraordinary security measures which exceed those which local law enforcement<sup>1</sup> agencies can reasonably be expected to take.

(c) Repealed. Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 139(2), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 397

#### (d) Restrictions on use of funds

Of the funds made available for obligation under this section in any fiscal year—

(1) not more than 20 percent may be obligated for protective services within any single State during that year; and

(2) not less than 15 percent shall be retained as a reserve for protective services provided directly by the Secretary or for expenditures in local jurisdictions not otherwise covered by an agreement for protective services under this section.

The limitations on funds available for obligation in this subsection shall not apply to unobligated funds during the final quarter of any fiscal year.

#### (e) Period of agreement with State or local authority

Any agreement with a State or local authority for the provision of protective services under this section shall be for a period of not to exceed 90 days in any calendar year, but such agree-

ments may be renewed after review by the Secretary.

#### (f) Requirement for appropriations

Contracts may be entered into in carrying out this section only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.

#### (g) Working capital fund

Amounts used to carry out this section shall not be subject to section 4308(h) of this title.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, § 214, as added Pub. L. 99-93, title I, § 126(a), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 417; amended Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 139(2), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 397; Pub. L. 109-177, title VI, § 605(d)(3), (e)(2)(C), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 255.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-177, § 605(e)(2)(C), substituted “subsections (a)(7) and (d) of section 3056A of title 18” for “sections 202(7) and 208 of title 3”.

Pub. L. 109-177, § 605(d)(3), which directed amendment of section 214(a) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act by substituting “section 3056A(a)(7) and (d) of title 18” for “sections 202(8) and 208 of title 3”, was not executed because this section, which is section 214 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, did not contain the words “sections 202(8) and 208 of title 3” and because of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-177, § 605(e)(2)(C). See note above.

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-236 struck out subsec. (c) which read as follows: “Funds may be obligated under this section only after regulations to implement this section have been issued by the Secretary after consultation with appropriate committees of the Congress.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 126(e) of Pub. L. 99-93 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending section 4304 of this title and section 208 of Title 3, The President] shall take effect on October 1, 1985.”

### § 4315. Use of foreign mission in manner incompatible with its status as foreign mission

#### (a) Establishment of limitation on certain uses

A foreign mission may not allow an unaffiliated alien the use of any premise of that foreign mission which is inviolable under United States law (including any treaty) for any purpose which is incompatible with its status as a foreign mission, including use as a residence.

#### (b) Temporary lodging

For the purposes of this section, the term “residence” does not include such temporary lodging as may be permitted under regulations issued by the Secretary.

#### (c) Waiver

The Secretary may waive subsection (a) of this section with respect to all foreign missions of a country (and may revoke such a waiver) 30 days after providing written notification of such a waiver, together with the reasons for such waiver (or revocation of such a waiver), to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

#### (d) Report

Not later than 180 days after December 22, 1987, the Secretary of State shall submit a re-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “enforcement”.

port to the Congress concerning the implementation of this section and shall submit such other reports to the Congress concerning changes in implementation as may be necessary.

**(e) Definitions**

For the purposes of this section—

(1) the term “foreign mission” includes any international organization as defined in section 4309(b) of this title; and

(2) the term “unaffiliated alien” means, with respect to a foreign country, an alien who—

(A) is admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant, and

(B) is not a member, or a family member of a member, of a foreign mission of that foreign country.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §215, as added Pub. L. 100-204, title I, §128(a), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1343.)

CODIFICATION

December 22, 1987, referred to in subsec. (d), was in the original “the date of the enactment of this Act”, which was translated as meaning the date of enactment of Pub. L. 100-204, which enacted this section, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 128(b) of Pub. L. 100-204 provided that:

“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall apply to any foreign mission beginning on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 1987].

“(2)(A) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply beginning 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act with respect to any nonimmigrant alien who is using a foreign mission as a residence or a place of business on the date of enactment of this Act.

“(B) The Secretary of State may delay the effective date provided for in subparagraph (A) for not more than 6 months with respect to any nonimmigrant alien if the Secretary finds that a hardship to that alien would result from the implementation of subsection (a).”

**§ 4316. Application of travel restrictions to personnel of certain countries and organizations**

**(a) Requirement for restrictions**

The Secretary shall apply the same generally applicable restrictions to the travel while in the United States of the individuals described in subsection (b) of this section as are applied under this chapter to the members of the missions of the Soviet Union in the United States.

**(b) Individuals subject to restrictions**

The restrictions required by subsection (a) of this section shall be applied with respect to those individuals who (as determined by the Secretary) are—

(1) the personnel of an international organization, if the individual is a national of any foreign country whose government engages in intelligence activities in the United States that are harmful to the national security of the United States;

(2) the personnel of a mission to an international organization, if that mission is the mission of a foreign government that engages in intelligence activities in the United States that are harmful to the national security of the United States; or

(3) the family members or dependents of an individual described in paragraphs (1) and (2);

and who are not nationals or permanent resident aliens of the United States.

**(c) Waivers**

The Secretary, after consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, may waive application of the restrictions required by subsection (a) of this section if the Secretary determines that the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States so require.

**(d) Repealed. Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §139(3), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 397**

**(e) Definitions**

For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “generally applicable restrictions” means any limitations on the radius within which unrestricted travel is permitted and obtaining travel services through the auspices of the Office of Foreign Missions for travel elsewhere, and does not include any restrictions which unconditionally prohibit the members of missions of the Soviet Union in the United States from traveling to designated areas of the United States and which are applied as a result of particular factors in relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.<sup>1</sup>

(2) the term “international organization” means an organization described in section 4309(b)(1) of this title; and

(3) the term “personnel” includes—

(A) officers, employees, and any other staff member, and

(B) any individual who is retained under contract or other arrangement to serve functions similar to those of an officer, employee, or other staff member.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title II, §216, as added Pub. L. 100-204, title I, §162(a), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1357; amended Pub. L. 103-236, title I, §139(3), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 397.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-236 struck out heading and text of subsec. (d). Text read as follows: “The Secretary shall transmit to the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, not later than six months after December 22, 1987, and not later than every six months thereafter, a report on the actions taken by the Secretary in carrying out this section during the previous six months.”

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director’s capacity as the head of the intelligence community deemed to be a reference to the Director of National Intelligence. Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director’s capacity as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency deemed to be a reference to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. See section 1081(a), (b) of Pub. L. 108-458, set out as a note under section 401 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 162(b) of Pub. L. 100-204 provided that: "Subsection (a) of the section enacted by this section [this section] shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 1987]."

## AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Except as otherwise provided, Secretary of State to have and exercise any authority vested by law in any official or office of Department of State and references to such officials or offices deemed to refer to Secretary of State or Department of State, as appropriate, see section 2651a of this title and section 161(d) of Pub. L. 103-236, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

**CHAPTER 53A—DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ABROAD**

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**§ 4341. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) The term "employee" means an individual who is under the jurisdiction of a chief of mission to a foreign country (as provided under section 3927 of this title) and who is—

(A) an employee as defined by section 2105 of title 5;

(B) an officer or employee of the United States Postal Service or of the Postal Regulatory Commission;

(C) a member of a uniformed service who is not under the command of an area military commander; or

(D) an expert or consultant as authorized pursuant to section 3109 of title 5 with the United States or any agency, department, or establishment thereof; but is not a national or permanent resident of the foreign country in which employed.

(2) The term "contractor" means—

(A) an individual employed by personal services contract pursuant to section 2669(c) of this title, section 2396(a)(3) of this title, or pursuant to other similar authority, including, in the case of an organization performing services under such authority, an individual involved in the performance of such services; and

(B) such other individuals or firms providing goods or services by contract as are designated by regulations issued pursuant to section 4343 of this title;

but does not include a contractor with or under the supervision of an area military commander.

(3) The term "charitable contribution" means a contribution or gift as defined in section 170(c) of title 26, or other similar contribution or gift to a bona fide charitable foreign entity as determined pursuant to regulations or policies issued pursuant to section 4343 of this title.

(4) The term "chief of mission" has the meaning given such term by section 3902(3) of this title.

(5) The term "foreign country" means any country or territory, excluding the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and other territories or possessions of the United States.

(6) The term "personal property" means any item of personal property, including automobiles, computers, boats, audio and video equipment, and any other items acquired for personal use, but excluding items of minimal value as determined by regulation or policy issued pursuant to section 4343 of this title.

(7) The term "profit" means any proceeds (including cash and other valuable consideration but not including amounts of such proceeds given as charitable contributions) for the sale, disposition, or assignment of personal property in excess of the basis for such property. For purposes of this chapter, basis shall include initial price, inland and overseas transportation costs (if not reimbursed by the United States Government), shipping insurance, taxes, customs fees, duties or other charges, and capital improvements, but shall not include insurance on an item while in use, or maintenance and related costs. For purposes of computing profit, proceeds and costs shall be valued in United States dollars at the time of receipt or payment, at a rate of exchange as determined by regulation or policy issued pursuant to section 4343 of this title.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title III, § 301, as added Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 186(a), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1366; amended Pub. L. 109-435, title VI, § 604(f), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3242.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Par. (1)(B). Pub. L. 109-435 substituted "Postal Regulatory Commission" for "Postal Rate Commission".

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 186(b) of Pub. L. 100-204 provided that: "This section [enacting this chapter] shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 1987]."

## TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 4342. Limitations on disposition of personal property****(a) General rule**

Except as authorized under subsection (b) of this section, employees or members of their family shall not sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of personal property within a foreign country which was imported into or purchased within that foreign country and which, by virtue of the official status of the employee, was exempt from import limitation, customs duties, or taxes which would otherwise apply.

**(b) Approval by chief of mission**

The chief of mission to a foreign country, or a designee of such chief of mission, is authorized