

SEC. 2. (a) The Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (46 U.S.C. 801-842), is amended by inserting a new section 3 to read as follows:

46 USC 804.

"SEC. 3. Notwithstanding part III of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), or any other provision of law, rates and charges for the barging and affreighting of containers or containerized cargo by barge between points in the United States, shall be filed solely with the Federal Maritime Commission in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission where (a) the cargo is moving between a point in a foreign country or a non-contiguous State, territory, or possession and a point in the United States, (b) the transportation by barge between points in the United States is furnished by a terminal operator as a service substitute in lieu of a direct vessel call by the common carrier by water transporting the containers or containerized cargo under a through bill of lading, (c) such terminal operator is a Pacific Slope State, municipality, or other public body or agency subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Maritime Commission, and the only one furnishing the particular circumscribed barge service in question as of the date of enactment hereof, and (d) such terminal operator is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Federal Maritime Commission for the operation of such barge service. The terminal operator providing such services shall be subject to the provisions of the Shipping Act, 1916."

46 USC 804
note.
Rules and
regulations.

(b) Within one hundred and twenty days after enactment of this Act, the Federal Maritime Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for the barge operations described in the amendment made by the first section of this Act. Such rules shall provide that the rates charged shall be based upon factors normally considered by a regular commercial operator in the same service.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Public Law 93-606

AN ACT

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 13022]

To amend the Act of September 2, 1960, as amended, so as to authorize different minimum grade standards for packages of grapes and plums exported to different destinations.

Grapes and
plums.
7 USC 591.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of September 2, 1960, as amended (74 Stat. 734), is amended by inserting in the first sentence thereof "and destination" immediately following the words "such variety" and "to such destination" at the end of such sentence.

Approved January 2, 1975.

Public Law 93-607

AN ACT

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 14600]

To increase the borrowing authority of the Panama Canal Company and revise the method of computing interest thereon.

Panama Canal
Company.
Borrowing au-
thority, increase.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 71 of title 2 of the Canal Zone Code is amended as follows:

(1) By striking out from the first sentence "\$10,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$40,000,000".

(2) By striking out the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "Such notes or other obligations shall bear interest at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the

Interest rate.

average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities during the month preceding the issuance of the notes or other obligations.”

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Public Law 93-608

AN ACT

To discontinue or modify certain reporting requirements of law.

January 2, 1975
[H. R. 14718]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That certain provisions of law, which relate to the submission of reports to Congress or other Government authorities, are repealed as follows:

Reporting requirements of law, modifications and repeals.

REPORTS UNDER MORE THAN ONE AGENCY

(1) Section 3 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the expenditure of funds through grants for support of scientific research, and for other purposes”, approved September 6, 1958 (72 Stat. 1793; 42 U.S.C. 1893), is repealed, thereby eliminating the annual report under such Act to the appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress concerning grants for basic scientific research.

Repeal.

(2) Section 7 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes”, approved July 28, 1954 (68 Stat. 578), is repealed, thereby eliminating the report from time to time to the Congress, by the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Navy, concerning the conditions specified in section 1 of such Act involving facilities to provide water for irrigation and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California.

Repeal.

REPORTS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(3) Subsection (b) of the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to provide basic authority for the performance of certain functions and activities of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes”, approved October 26, 1949 (63 Stat. 908; 15 U.S.C. 1514(b)), is amended by striking out “: *Provided*” and all that follows thereafter to the end of such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon, thereby eliminating the annual report to Congress showing total expenditures under such Act for food and other subsistence supplies for resale to employees of the Department of Commerce and other Federal agencies, and their dependents, in Alaska and other points outside of the continental United States, and the proceeds from such resales.

Annual reports to Congress, elimination.

(4) Chapter 256 of the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine claims for damage occasioned by acts for which said survey is responsible in certain cases”, approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 1054; 33 U.S.C. 853), is amended by striking out “, and report the amounts so ascertained and determined to be due the claimants to Congress at each session thereof through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor.” and inserting in lieu thereof a period, thereby eliminating the annual report to Congress, through the Treasury Department, of claims not to exceed \$500 settled under such Act, and