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**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior chapter 203 “GENERAL MATTERS”, as added by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §801(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1826, and consisting of reserved section 3021, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1807(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4156.

**AMENDMENTS**

2024—Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title VIII, §813(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1980, substituted “Comptroller General assessment of acquisition programs and initiatives” for “Comptroller General assessment of acquisition programs and efforts” in item 3072.

2022—Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title VIII, §812(b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2706, substituted “efforts” for “initiatives” in item 3072.

2021—Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title XVII, §1701(f)(3), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2139, inserted “of” after “Applicability” in item 3064.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****INTERNAL CONTROLS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENTS THROUGH GSA CLIENT SUPPORT CENTERS**

Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VIII, §802, Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2004, as amended by Pub. L. 109-313, §2(c)(2), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1735; Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, §902(38), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1547, provided that:

“(a) INITIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW AND DETERMINATION.—(1) Not later than March 15, 2005, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense and the Inspector General of the General Services Administration shall jointly—

“(A) review—

“(i) the policies, procedures, and internal controls of each GSA Client Support Center; and

“(ii) the administration of those policies, procedures, and internal controls; and

“(B) for each such Center, determine in writing whether—

“(i) the Center is compliant with defense procurement requirements;

“(ii) the Center is not compliant with defense procurement requirements, but the Center made significant progress during 2004 toward becoming compliant with defense procurement requirements; or

“(iii) neither of the conclusions stated in clauses (i) and (ii) is correct.

“(2) If the Inspectors General determine under paragraph (1) that the conclusion stated in clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (B) of such paragraph is correct in the case of a GSA Client Support Center, those Inspectors General shall, not later than March 15, 2006, jointly—

“(A) conduct a second review regarding that GSA Client Support Center as described in paragraph (1)(A); and

“(B) determine in writing whether that GSA Client Support Center is or is not compliant with defense procurement requirements.

“(b) COMPLIANCE WITH DEFENSE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.—For the purposes of this section, a GSA Client Support Center is compliant with defense procurement requirements if the GSA Client Support Center’s policies, procedures, and internal controls, and the manner in which they are administered, are adequate to ensure compliance of that Center with the requirements of laws and regulations that apply to procurements of property and services made directly by the Department of Defense.

“(c) LIMITATIONS ON PROCUREMENTS THROUGH GSA CLIENT SUPPORT CENTERS.—(1) After March 15, 2005, and before March 16, 2006, no official of the Department of Defense may, except as provided in subsection (d) or (e), order, purchase, or otherwise procure property or services in an amount in excess of \$100,000 through any GSA Client Support Center for which a determination described in paragraph (1)(B)(iii) of subsection (a) has been made under that subsection.

“(2) After March 15, 2006, no official of the Department of Defense may, except as provided in subsection (d) or (e), order, purchase, or otherwise procure property or services in an amount in excess of \$100,000 through any GSA Client Support Center that has not been determined under this section as being compliant with defense procurement requirements.

“(d) EXCEPTION FROM APPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS.—(1) No limitation applies under subsection (c) with respect to the procurement of property and services from a particular GSA Client Support Center during any period that there is in effect a determination of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, made in writing, that it is necessary in the interest of the Department of Defense to continue to procure property and services through that GSA Client Support Center.

“(2) A written determination with respect to a GSA Client Support Center under paragraph (1) is in effect for the period, not in excess of one year, that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall specify in the written determination. The Under Secretary may extend from time to time, for up to one year at a time, the period for which the written determination remains in effect.

“(e) TERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS.—Subsection (c) shall cease to apply to a GSA Client Support Center on the date on which the Inspector General of the Department of Defense and the Inspector General of the General Services Administration jointly determine that such Center is compliant with defense procurement requirements and notify the Secretary of Defense of that determination.

“(f) GSA CLIENT SUPPORT CENTER DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘GSA Client Support Center’ means a Client Support Center of the Federal Acquisition Service of the General Services Administration.”

**§ 3062. Regulations**

The Secretary of Defense is required by section 2202 of this title to prescribe regulations governing the performance within the Department of Defense of the procurement functions, and related functions, of the Department of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XVIII, §1807(b)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4157; amended Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title XVII, §1701(b)(2)(A), (j), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2132, 2143.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3062 was renumbered section 7062 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(j), amended text of section enacted by Pub. L. 116–283, §1807(b)(1), by substituting “is required by section 2202 of this title to prescribe” for “shall prescribe”.

Pub. L. 117–81, §1701(b)(2)(A), amended directory language of Pub. L. 116–283, §1807(b)(1), which enacted this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 117–81 applicable as if included in the enactment of title XVIII of Pub. L. 116–283 as enacted, see section 1701(a)(2) of Pub. L. 117–81, set out in a note preceding section 3001 of this title and Effective Date note below.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116–283, set out as an Effective Date of 2021 Amendment note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**PILOT PROGRAM ON MILITARY WORKING DOG AND EXPLOSIVES DETECTION CANINE HEALTH AND EXCELLENCE**

Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title III, §381, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1671, as amended by Pub. L. 117–263, div. A, title III, §386(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2544, provided that:

“(a) **PILOT PROGRAM.**—Not later than September 31, 2022, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program to ensure the health and excellence of explosives detection military working dogs. Under such pilot program, the Secretary shall consult with domestic breeders of working dog lines, covered institutions of higher education, and covered national domestic canine associations, to—

“(1) facilitate the presentation, both in a central location and at regional field evaluations in the United States, of domestically-bred explosives detection military working dogs for assessment for procurement by the Department of Defense, at a rate of at least 250 canines presented per fiscal year;

“(2) facilitate the delivery and communication to domestic breeders, covered institutions of higher education, and covered national domestic canine associations, of information regarding—

“(A) any specific needs or requirements for the future acquisition by the Department of explosives detection military working dogs; and

“(B) any factors identified as relevant to the success or failure of explosives detection military working dogs presented for assessment pursuant to this section;

“(3) collect information on the biological and health factors of explosives detection military working dogs procured by the Department, and make such information available for academic research and to domestic breeders;

“(4) collect and make available genetic and phenotypic information, including canine rearing and training data for study by domestic breeders and covered institutions of higher education, for the further development of working canines that are bred, raised, and trained domestically; and

“(5) evaluate current Department guidance for the procurement of military working dogs to ensure that pricing structures and procurement requirements for foreign and domestic canine procurements accurately account for input cost differences between foreign and domestic canines.

“(b) **TERMINATION.**—The authority to carry out the pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on October 1, 2025.

“(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered institution of higher education’ means an institution of higher education, as such term is defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001), with demonstrated expertise in veterinary medicine for working canines.

“(2) The term ‘covered national domestic canine association’ means a national domestic canine association with demonstrated expertise in the breeding and pedigree of working canine lines.

“(3) The term ‘explosives detection military working dog’ means a canine that, in connection with the work duties of the canine performed for the Department of Defense, is certified and trained to detect odors indicating the presence of explosives in a given object or area, in addition to the performance of such other duties for the Department as may be assigned.”

**RESTRICTION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS CONTAINING PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONATE OR PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID**

Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title III, §333, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3531, provided that:

“(a) **PROHIBITION.**—The Department of Defense may not procure any covered item that contains perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

“(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the term ‘covered item’ means—

“(1) nonstick cookware or cooking utensils for use in galleys or dining facilities; and

“(2) upholstered furniture, carpets, and rugs that have been treated with stain-resistant coatings.

“(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect on April 1, 2023.”

**§ 3063. Covered agencies**

For purposes of any provision of law referring to this section, the agencies named in this section are the following:

- (1) The Department of Defense.
- (2) The Department of the Army.
- (3) The Department of the Navy.
- (4) The Department of the Air Force.
- (5) The Coast Guard.
- (6) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title XVIII, §1807(c)(1), (2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4157.)

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

The text of pars. (1) to (6) of section 2303(a) of this title, which were transferred to this section by Pub. L. 116–283, §1807(c)(2), was based on act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 128; Pub. L. 85–568, title III, §301(b), July 29, 1958, 72 Stat. 432; Pub. L. 98–369, div. B, title VII, §2722(b)(1)(C), (D), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1187.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3063 was renumbered section 7063 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Pars. (1) to (6). Pub. L. 116–283, §1807(c)(2), transferred pars. (1) to (6) of section 2303(a) of this title to this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section and amendment by Pub. L. 116–283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed im-