

classified generally to chapter 7 (§271 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 290e. United States copyright and renewal rights**

(a) Notwithstanding the limitations under section 105 of title 17, the Secretary may secure copyright and renewal thereof on behalf of the United States as author or proprietor in all or any part of any standard reference data which he prepares or makes available under this chapter, and may authorize the reproduction and publication thereof by others.

(b) The publication or republication by the Government under this chapter, either separately or in a public document, of any material in which copyright is subsisting shall not be taken to cause any abridgment or annulment of the copyright or to authorize any use or appropriation of such material without the consent of the copyright proprietor.

(Pub. L. 90-396, §6, July 11, 1968, 82 Stat. 340; Pub. L. 94-553, §105(f), Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2599; Pub. L. 107-273, div. C, title III, §13211(b), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1910.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-273, §13211(b)(2), substituted “Notwithstanding the limitations under section 105 of title 17,” for “Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 105 of title 17.”

Pub. L. 107-273, §13211(b)(1), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 94-553. See 1976 Amendment note below.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-553, as amended by Pub. L. 107-273, §13211(b)(1), substituted “section 105 of title 17” for “section 8 of title 17”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-553 effective Jan. 1, 1978, see section 102 of Pub. L. 94-553, set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 17, Copyrights.

**§ 290f. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter, \$1.86 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, no appropriations for any fiscal year may be made for the purpose of this chapter after fiscal year 1969 unless previously authorized by legislation hereafter enacted by the Congress.

(Pub. L. 90-396, §7, July 11, 1968, 82 Stat. 340.)

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**§ 291. Stamping with words “United States assay”, etc., unlawful**

It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in commerce among the several States, Territories, District of Columbia, and possessions of the United States, or with any foreign country, to stamp any gold, silver, or goods manufactured therefrom, and which are intended and used in such commerce, with the words “United States assay”, or with any words, phrases, or devices calculated to convey the impression that the United States Government has certified to the fineness or quality of such gold or silver, or of the gold or silver contained in any of the goods manufactured therefrom. Each and every such stamp shall constitute a separate offense.

(Feb. 21, 1905, ch. 720, §1, 33 Stat. 732.)

**§ 292. Forfeiture**

Any gold, silver, or goods manufactured therefrom after February 21, 1905, bearing any of the stamps, words, phrases, or devices prohibited to be used under section 291 of this title, and being in the course of transportation from one State to another, or to or from a Territory, the District of Columbia, or possessions of the United States, shall be forfeited to the United States, and may be seized and condemned by like proceedings as those provided by law for the forfeiture, seizure, and condemnation of property imported into the United States contrary to law.

(Feb. 21, 1905, ch. 720, §3, 33 Stat. 732.)

**§ 293. Penalty for infraction**

Every person, partnership, association, or corporation violating the provisions of sections 291 to 293 of this title, and every officer, director, or managing agent of such partnership, association, or corporation having knowledge of such violation and directly participating in such violation or consenting thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

(Feb. 21, 1905, ch. 720, §2, 33 Stat. 732.)

**§ 294. Importation or transportation of falsely marked gold or silver ware prohibited**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association, being a manufacturer of or wholesale or retail dealer in gold or silver jewelry or gold ware, silver goods or silverware, or for any officer, manager, director, or agent of such firm, corporation, or association to import or export or cause to be imported into or exported from the United States for the purpose of selling or disposing of the same, or to deposit or cause to be deposited in the United States mails for transmission thereby, or to deliver or cause to be delivered to any common carrier for trans-