

(c) Timeliness

The court shall consider, in making the determination concerning satisfactory cooperation described in subsection (b), the timeliness of the applicant's or cooperating individual's cooperation with the claimant.

(d) Cooperation after expiration of stay or protective order

If the Antitrust Division does obtain a stay or protective order in a civil action based on conduct covered by an antitrust leniency agreement, once the stay or protective order, or a portion thereof, expires or is terminated, the antitrust leniency applicant and cooperating individuals shall provide without unreasonable delay any cooperation described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) that was prohibited by the expired or terminated stay or protective order, or the expired or terminated portion thereof, in order for the cooperation to be deemed satisfactory under such paragraphs.

(e) Continuation

Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify, impair, or supersede the provisions of sections 15, 15a, and 15c of this title relating to the recovery of costs of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee, and interest on damages, to the extent that such recovery is authorized by such sections.

(Pub. L. 108-237, title II, §213, June 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 666; Pub. L. 111-190, §3, June 9, 2010, 124 Stat. 1275.)

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly set out in a note under section 1 of this title, prior to transfer to this section upon repeal of sunset provision.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-190, §3(a), amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "If the initial contact by the antitrust leniency applicant with the Antitrust Division regarding conduct covered by the antitrust leniency agreement occurs after a State, or subdivision of a State, has issued compulsory process in connection with an investigation of allegations of a violation of section 1 or 3 of this title or any similar State law based on conduct covered by the antitrust leniency agreement or after a civil action described in subsection (a) has been filed, then the court shall consider, in making the determination concerning satisfactory cooperation described in subsection (b), the timeliness of the applicant's initial cooperation with the claimant."

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 111-190, §3(b), added subsec. (d) and redesignated former subsec. (d) as (e).

§ 7a-2. Rights, authorities, and liabilities not affected

Nothing in sections 7a to 7a-3 of this title shall be construed to—

(1) affect the rights of the Antitrust Division to seek a stay or protective order in a civil action based on conduct covered by an antitrust leniency agreement to prevent the cooperation described in section 7a-1(b) of this title from impairing or impeding the investigation or prosecution by the Antitrust Division of conduct covered by the agreement;

(2) create any right to challenge any decision by the Antitrust Division with respect to an antitrust leniency agreement; or

(3) affect, in any way, the joint and several liability of any party to a civil action described in section 7a-1(a) of this title, other than that of the antitrust leniency applicant and cooperating individuals as provided in section 7a-1(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 108-237, title II, §214, June 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 667; Pub. L. 111-190, §4, June 9, 2010, 124 Stat. 1276.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Sections 7a to 7a-3 of this title, referred to in text, was in the original "this subtitle", meaning subtitle A (§§211-216) of title II of Pub. L. 108-237, June 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 666, which enacted this section and sections 7a, 7a-1, and 7a-3 of this title, amended sections 1, 2, and 3 of this title, and enacted provisions formerly set out in a note under section 1 of this title. For complete classification of subtitle A to the Code, see Tables.

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-190, §4(1), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 7a-1(b) of this title.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 111-190, §4(2), made technical amendment to references in original act which appear in two places in text as references to section 7a-1(a) of this title.

§ 7a-3. Anti-retaliation protection for whistleblowers**(a) Whistleblower protections for employees, contractors, subcontractors, and agents****(1) In general**

No employer may discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against a covered individual in the terms and conditions of employment of the covered individual because of any lawful act done by the covered individual—

(A) to provide or cause to be provided to the Federal Government or a person with supervisory authority over the covered individual (or such other person working for the employer who has the authority to investigate, discover, or terminate misconduct) information relating to—

(i) any violation of, or any act or omission the covered individual reasonably believes to be a violation of, the antitrust laws; or

(ii) any violation of, or any act or omission the covered individual reasonably believes to be a violation of, another criminal law committed in conjunction with a potential violation of the antitrust laws or in conjunction with an investigation by the Department of Justice of a potential violation of the antitrust laws; or

(B) to cause to be filed, testify in, participate in, or otherwise assist a Federal Gov-