

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
545 .....	40:484(e).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title II, § 203(e), 63 Stat. 386; July 12, 1952, ch. 703, § 1(i), 66 Stat. 593; Aug. 8, 1953, ch. 399, 67 Stat. 521; July 14, 1954, ch. 481, 68 Stat. 474; Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 942, 70 Stat. 1020; Pub. L. 85-486, July 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 288; Pub. L. 100-612, §§ 3, 4, Nov. 5, 1988, 102 Stat. 3180.

In subsection (e)(3), the words “A report” are substituted for “the annual report” for consistency in the revised title. See the revision note under section 126 of this title.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-350 substituted “Section 6101(b)-(d) of title 41” for “Section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5)”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS

Act Oct. 3, 1944, ch. 479, § 13, 58 Stat. 770; Sept. 18, 1945, ch. 368, § 2, 59 Stat. 533; May 3, 1946, ch. 248, § 5, 60 Stat. 169; 1947 Reorg. Plan No. 1, § 501, eff. July 1, 1947, 12 F.R. 4535, 61 Stat. 952; July 30, 1947, ch. 404, 61 Stat. 678; June 10, 1948, ch. 433, §§ 1, 2, 62 Stat. 350; June 29, 1948, ch. 727, 62 Stat. 1103; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 105, title VI, § 602(a)(1), formerly title V, § 502(a)(1), 63 Stat. 381, 399, renumbered Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, § 6(a), (b), 64 Stat. 583; amended Oct. 1, 1949, ch. 589, §§ 1, 5, 63 Stat. 701; Pub. L. 85-726, title XIV, § 1402(c), Aug. 23, 1958, 72 Stat. 807; Pub. L. 87-90, July 20, 1961, 75 Stat. 211; Pub. L. 91-258, title I, § 52(b)(6), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 235; Pub. L. 91-485, § 5, Oct. 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 1085; Pub. L. 92-362, § 2, Aug. 4, 1972, 86 Stat. 504; Pub. L. 97-248, title V, § 524(c), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 696; Pub. L. 103-272, § 7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379, provided that:

“(a) to (c) [Repealed. June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title VI, § 602(a)(1), formerly title V, § 502(a)(1), 63 Stat. 399, renumbered Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, § 6(a), (b), 64 Stat. 583.]

“(d) Whenever any State or political subdivision thereof, or any State or Government agency or instrumentality certifies to the Administrator of General Services that any power transmission line determined to be surplus property under the provisions of this Act [former 50 U.S.C. App. 1611 et seq.] is needful for or adaptable to the requirements of any public or cooperative power project, such line and the right-of-way acquired for its construction shall not be sold, leased for more than one year, or otherwise disposed of, except as provided in section 12 [former 50 U.S.C. App. 1621] or this section, unless specifically authorized by Act of Congress.

“(e), (f) [Repealed. June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title VI, § 602(a)(1), formerly title V, § 502(a)(1), 63 Stat. 399, renumbered Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, § 6(a), (b), 64 Stat. 583.]

“(g) [Repealed. Pub. L. 103-272, § 7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379.]”

**§ 546. Contractor inventories**

Subject to regulations of the Administrator of General Services, an executive agency may authorize a contractor or subcontractor with the agency to retain or dispose of contractor inventory.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1089.)

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546 .....	40:484(f).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title II, § 203(f), 63 Stat. 386.

**§ 547. Agricultural commodities, foods, and cotton or woolen goods**

(a) **POLICIES.**—The Administrator of General Services shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture to formulate policies for the disposal of surplus agricultural commodities, surplus foods processed from agricultural commodities, and surplus cotton or woolen goods. The policies shall be formulated to prevent surplus agricultural commodities, or surplus foods processed from agricultural commodities, from being dumped on the market in a disorderly manner and disrupting the market prices for agricultural commodities.

(b) **TRANSFERS TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator shall transfer without charge to the Department of Agriculture any surplus agricultural commodities, foods, and cotton or woolen goods for disposal, when the Secretary determines that a transfer is necessary for the Secretary to carry out responsibilities for price support or stabilization.

(2) **DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.**—Receipts resulting from disposal by the Department under this subsection shall be deposited pursuant to any authority available to the Secretary. When applicable, however, net proceeds from the sale of surplus property transferred under this subsection shall be credited pursuant to section 572(a) of this title.

(3) **LIMITATION OF SALES.**—Surplus farm commodities transferred under this subsection may not be sold, other than for export, in quantities exceeding, or at prices less than, the applicable quantities and prices for sales of those commodities by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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547(a) .....	40:484(g).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title II, § 203(g), (h), 63 Stat. 386.
547(b) .....	40:484(h).	

**§ 548. Surplus vessels**

The Maritime Administration shall dispose of surplus vessels of 1,500 gross tons or more which the Administration determines to be merchant vessels or capable of conversion to merchant use. The vessels shall be disposed of in accordance with part F of subtitle V of title 46 and other laws authorizing the sale of such vessels.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1090; Pub. L. 109-304, § 17(g)(1), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1708.)

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-304 substituted “part F of subtitle V of title 46” for “the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)”.

**§ 549. Donation of personal property through state agencies**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) PUBLIC AGENCY.—The term “public agency” means—

- (A) a State;
- (B) a political subdivision of a State (including a unit of local government or economic development district);
- (C) a department, agency, or instrumentality of a State (including instrumentalities created by compact or other agreement between States or political subdivisions); or
- (D) an Indian tribe, band, group, pueblo, or community located on a state reservation.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

(3) STATE AGENCY.—The term “state agency” means an agency designated under state law as the agency responsible for fair and equitable distribution, through donation, of property transferred under this section.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General Services, in the Administrator’s discretion and under regulations the Administrator may prescribe, may transfer property described in paragraph (2) to a state agency.

(2) PROPERTY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Property referred to in paragraph (1) is any personal property that—

- (i) is under the control of an executive agency; and
- (ii) has been determined to be surplus property.

(B) SPECIAL RULE.—In determining whether the property is to be transferred for donation under this section, no distinction may be made between property capitalized in a working-capital fund established under section 2208 of title 10 (or similar fund) and any other property.

(3) NO COST.—Transfer of property under this section is without cost, except for any costs of care and handling.

(c) ALLOCATION AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall allocate and transfer property under this section in accordance with criteria that are based on need and use and that are established after

consultation with state agencies to the extent feasible. The Administrator shall give fair consideration, consistent with the established criteria, to an expression of need and interest from a public agency or other eligible institution within a State. The Administrator shall give special consideration to an eligible recipient’s request, transmitted through the state agency, for a specific item of property.

(2) ALLOCATION AMONG STATES.—The Administrator shall allocate property among the States on a fair and equitable basis, taking into account the condition of the property as well as the original acquisition cost of the property.

(3) RECIPIENTS AND PURPOSES.—The Administrator shall transfer to a state agency property the state agency selects for distribution through donation within the State—

(A) to a public agency for use in carrying out or promoting, for residents of a given political area, a public purpose, including conservation, economic development, education, parks and recreation, public health, and public safety;

(B) for purposes of education or public health (including research), to a nonprofit educational or public health institution or organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501), including—

- (i) a medical institution, hospital, clinic, health center, or drug abuse treatment center;
- (ii) a provider of assistance to homeless individuals or to families or individuals whose annual incomes are below the poverty line (as that term is defined in section 673 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902));
- (iii) a school, college, or university;
- (iv) a school for the mentally retarded or physically handicapped;
- (v) a child care center;
- (vi) a radio or television station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as an educational radio or educational television station;
- (vii) a museum attended by the public, and, for purposes of determining whether a museum is attended by the public, the Administrator shall consider a museum to be public if the nonprofit educational or public health institution or organization, at minimum, accedes to any request submitted for access during business hours;
- (viii) a library serving free all residents of a community, district, State, or region; or
- (ix) a historic light station as defined under section 305101(4) of title 54, including a historic light station conveyed under section 305103 of title 54, notwithstanding the number of hours that the historic light station is open to the public; or

(C) for purposes of providing services to veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38), to an organization whose—

- (i) membership comprises substantially veterans; and