

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
57107 .....	46 App.:1125a.	Feb. 6, 1941, ch. 5, § 4, 55 Stat. 6; Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(74), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 160.

In subsection (b), the words “heretofore or hereafter”, “diminish or otherwise”, and “and, to the amount of such obligation or expenditure, diminish” are omitted as unnecessary.

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-92 added subsec. (c).

**§ 57108. Consideration of ballast and equipment in determining selling price**

The Maritime Administration may not sell a vessel until its ballast and equipment have been inventoried and their value considered in determining the selling price of the vessel.

(Pub. L. 109-304, § 8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1661.)

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57108 .....	46 App.:864b.	June 29, 1949, ch. 281, § 1 (proviso), 63 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(36), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 156.

**§ 57109. Operation of vessels purchased, chartered, or leased from Secretary of Transportation**

Unless otherwise authorized by the Secretary of Transportation, a vessel purchased, chartered, or leased from the Secretary may be operated only under a certificate of documentation with a registry or coastwise endorsement. Such a vessel, while employed solely as a merchant vessel, is subject to the laws, regulations, and liabilities governing merchant vessels, whether the United States Government has an interest in the vessel as an owner or holds a mortgage, lien, or other interest.

(Pub. L. 109-304, § 8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1661.)

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57109 .....	46 App.:808(b).	Sept. 7, 1916, ch. 451, § 9(b), 39 Stat. 730; July 15, 1918, ch. 152, § 3, 40 Stat. 900; re-stated June 5, 1920, ch. 250, § 18, 41 Stat. 994; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, § 12, eff. June 10, 1933; June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title II, § 204, title IX, § 904, 49 Stat. 1987, 2016; Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(26), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 155; Pub. L. 100-710, title I, § 104(b)(2), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4750.

The words “only under a certificate of documentation with a registry or coastwise endorsement” are substituted for “only under such registry or enrollment and license” for clarity and to use the appropriate current language.

**§ 57110. Salvage recoveries for subrogated ownership of vessels and cargoes**

(a) SALVAGE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to enter into marine salvage agreements for the recoveries, sale, and disposal of sunken or damaged vessels, cargoes, or properties owned or insured by or on behalf of the Maritime Administration, the United States Shipping Board, the U.S. Shipping Bureau, the United States Maritime Commission, or the War Shipping Administration.

(b) MILITARY CRAFT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall consult with the Secretary of the military department concerned prior to engaging in or authorizing any activity under subsection (a) that will disturb sunken military craft, as such term is defined in section 1408(3) of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

(c) RECOVERIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the net proceeds from salvage agreements entered into as authorized in subsection (a) shall remain available until expended and be distributed as follows:

(1) Fifty percent shall be available to the Administrator of the Maritime Administration for the payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred by or on behalf of State maritime academies or the United States Merchant Marine Academy for facility and training ship maintenance, repair, and modernization, and for the purchase of simulators and fuel.

(2) The remainder shall be distributed for maritime heritage preservation to the Department of the Interior for grants as authorized by section 308703 of title 54.

(Added Pub. L. 116-92, div. C, title XXXV, § 3509(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1977, § 57111; re-numbered § 57110, Pub. L. 118-31, div. C, title XXXV, § 3514(j)(1)(A), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 811.)

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AMENDMENTS

2023—Pub. L. 118-31 renumbered section 57111 of this title as this section.

**§ 57111. Definition of obsolete vessel**

In this chapter, the term “obsolete vessel” means a vessel that—

(1) is or will be in the custody and control of the Maritime Administration for purposes of disposing of the vessel; and

(2) has been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be of insufficient value, with respect to the programs of the Maritime Administration, to warrant—

- (A) preserving for future use or spare parts harvesting; or
- (B) retaining in the National Defense Reserve Fleet.

(Added Pub. L. 118-31, div. C, title XXXV, § 3514(j)(1)(B), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 811.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 57111 was renumbered section 57110 of this title.