

ensure that intermodal equipment used to transport intermodal containers is safe and systematically maintained.”

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 112-141, § 32931(b)(2), struck out par. (4). Text read as follows: “Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding for issuance of the regulations under this section.”

2008—Subsec. (a)(3)(E)(ii). Pub. L. 110-244 substituted “section” for “Act”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

SUBCHAPTER IV—MISCELLANEOUS

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter IV consisted of sections 31161 and 31162, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-178, title IV, § 4010, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 407.

**§ 31161. International cooperation**

The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to use funds made available by section 31110 to participate and cooperate in international activities to enhance motor carrier, commercial motor vehicle, driver, and highway safety by such means as exchanging information, conducting research, and examining needs, best practices, and new technology.

(Added Pub. L. 109-59, title IV, § 4119(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1733; amended Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title V, § 5103(c)(3), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1527.)

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 31161 and 31162 were repealed by Pub. L. 105-178, title IV, § 4010, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 407.

Section 31161, Pub. L. 103-272, § 1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1013, related to procedures to ensure timely correction of safety violations.

Section 31162, Pub. L. 103-272, § 1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1014, related to compliance review priority.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-94 substituted “section 31110” for “section 31104(i)”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-94 effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**CHAPTER 313—COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS**

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**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title V, § 5104(b), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1529, substituted “Commercial driver’s license program implementation financial assistance program” for “Grants for commercial driver’s license program implementation” in item 31313.

2012—Pub. L. 112-141, div. C, title II, §§ 32304(d), 32402(b), 32604(b)(2), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 792, 802, 809, added items 31305, 31306a, and 31313 and struck out former items 31305 “General driver fitness and testing” and 31313 “Grants for commercial driver’s license program improvements”.

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, title IV, § 4124(b), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1738, added item 31313.

1999—Pub. L. 106-159, title II, § 203(b), Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1762, added item 31312.

1998—Pub. L. 105-178, title IV, §§ 4007(b), 4011(b)(2), (f), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 403, 407, 408, substituted “Commercial driver’s license requirement” for “Limitation on the number of driver’s licenses” in item 31302 and “Waivers, exemptions, and pilot programs” for “Waiver authority” in item 31315 and struck out items 31312 “Grants for testing and ensuring the fitness of operators of commercial motor vehicles” and 31313 “Grants for issuing commercial drivers’ licenses and complying with State participation requirements”.

**§ 31301. Definitions**

In this chapter—

(1) “alcohol” has the same meaning given the term “alcoholic beverage” in section 158(c) of title 23.

(2) “commerce” means trade, traffic, and transportation—

(A) in the jurisdiction of the United States between a place in a State and a place outside that State (including a place outside the United States); or

(B) in the United States that affects trade, traffic, and transportation described in subclause (A) of this clause.

(3) “commercial driver’s license” means a license issued by a State to an individual authorizing the individual to operate a class of commercial motor vehicles.

(4) “commercial motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle used in commerce to transport passengers or property that—

(A) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 26,001 pounds, whichever is greater, or a lesser gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight the Secretary of Transportation prescribes by regulation, but not less than a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds;

(B) is designed to transport at least 16 passengers including the driver; or