

amendment of section 1861 by Pub. L. 109-177, title I, §102(b), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 195, set out as an Effective Date of 2006 Amendment note under section 1805 of this title, which amended section 1861 of this title, effective Mar. 15, 2020, so that such section read as it read on Oct. 25, 2001, with certain exceptions.

Section 1801(b)(1)(C) of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), was temporarily added by Pub. L. 108-458, title VI, §6001(a), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3742, and provided that, as used in subchapter I of this chapter, the term “agent of a foreign power” included any person other than a United States person who “engages in international terrorism or activities in preparation therefore”. Such amendment ceased to have effect on Mar. 15, 2020; see section 6001(b) of Pub. L. 108-458, set out as a Termination Date of 2004 Amendment note under section 1801 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 601 of Pub. L. 95-511 was renumbered section 701 and was set out as a note under section 1801 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-261.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (c)(3), (4). Pub. L. 118-49 added pars. (3) and (4).

2015—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 114-23 amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “a copy of any decision, order, or opinion issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review that includes significant construction or interpretation of any provision of this chapter, and any pleadings, applications, or memoranda of law associated with such decision, order, or opinion, not later than 45 days after such decision, order, or opinion is issued; and”.

2008—Subsec. (a)(1)(E), (F). Pub. L. 110-261, §101(c)(2), added subpars. (E) and (F).

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 110-261, §103(a), substituted “, orders,” for “(not including orders)”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 110-261, §103(b), added subsecs. (c) and (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-261, §103(c), added subsec. (e).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-261, title IV, §403(b)(2), July 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 2474, as amended by Pub. L. 112-238, §2(a)(2), Dec. 30, 2012, 126 Stat. 1631; Pub. L. 115-118, title II, §201(a)(2), Jan. 19, 2018, 132 Stat. 19; Pub. L. 118-31, div. G, title IX, §7902(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 1108; Pub. L. 118-49, §19(a)(2), Apr. 20, 2024, 138 Stat. 891, provided that, except as provided in section 404 of Pub. L. 110-261, set out as a Transition Procedures note under section 1801 of this title, the amendments made by section 403(b)(2) are effective two years after the date of enactment of the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, Pub. L. 118-49, which was approved Apr. 20, 2024.

§ 1872. Declassification of significant decisions, orders, and opinions

(a) Declassification required

Subject to subsection (b), the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall conduct a declassification review, to be concluded as soon as practicable, but not later than 180 days after the commencement of such review, of each decision, order, or opinion issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review (as defined in section 1871(e) of this title) that includes a significant construction or interpretation of any provision of law, including any novel or significant construction or interpretation of the term “specific

selection term”, and, consistent with that review, make publicly available to the greatest extent practicable each such decision, order, or opinion.

(b) Redacted form

The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Attorney General, may satisfy the requirement under subsection (a) to make a decision, order, or opinion described in such subsection publicly available to the greatest extent practicable by making such decision, order, or opinion publicly available in redacted form.

(c) National security waiver

The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Attorney General, may waive the requirement to declassify and make publicly available a particular decision, order, or opinion under subsection (a), if—

(1) the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Attorney General, determines that a waiver of such requirement is necessary to protect the national security of the United States or properly classified intelligence sources or methods; and

(2) the Director of National Intelligence makes publicly available an unclassified statement prepared by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence—

(A) summarizing the significant construction or interpretation of any provision of law, which shall include, to the extent consistent with national security, a description of the context in which the matter arises and any significant construction or interpretation of any statute, constitutional provision, or other legal authority relied on by the decision; and

(B) that specifies that the statement has been prepared by the Attorney General and constitutes no part of the opinion of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review.

(Pub. L. 95-511, title VI, §602, as added Pub. L. 114-23, title IV, §402(a)(2), June 2, 2015, 129 Stat. 281; amended Pub. L. 118-49, §7, Apr. 20, 2024, 138 Stat. 873.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-49 inserted “, to be concluded as soon as practicable, but not later than 180 days after the commencement of such review,” after “shall conduct a declassification review”.

§ 1873. Annual reports

(a) Report by Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts

(1) Report required

The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall annually submit to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate,