

Section 14522(a) defines the term “length” as it is used in the simplified measurement system.

Section 14522(b) requires the Secretary to assign gross and net tonnages under the simplified system, based on a vessel’s length, breadth, depth, other dimensions and appropriate coefficients, as the Secretary deems appropriate.

Section 14522(c) provides that the gross tonnages as measured under this section shall reflect the relative internal volumes of vessels. It provides further that the net tonnages measured under this section shall be in approximately the same ratio to corresponding gross tonnages as are the net and gross tonnages of comparable vessels measured under the standard regulatory measurement system.

#### CHAPTER 147—PENALTIES

Sec.	
14701.	General violation.
14702.	False statements.

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This chapter provides for penalties for violations of Part J—Measurement of Vessels.

#### § 14701. General violation

The owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, and individual in charge of a vessel violating this part or a regulation prescribed under this part are each liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$20,000. Each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation. The vessel also is liable in rem for the penalty.

(Pub. L. 99–509, title V, § 5101(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1925.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

###### Revised section 14701

Source: Section (U.S. Code) 46 App. U.S.C. 83j.

Section 14701 provides that the owner, charterer, managing operator, agent, master, and individual in charge of a vessel violating Part J—Measurement of Vessels—are each liable to the U.S. Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$20,000. It also provides that the vessel is liable in rem for the penalty and that each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation.

#### § 14702. False statements

A person knowingly making a false statement or representation in a matter in which a statement or representation is required by this part or a regulation prescribed under this part is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$20,000 for each false statement or representation. The vessel also is liable in rem for the penalty.

(Pub. L. 99–509, title V, § 5101(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1925.)

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Section 14702 provides that a person knowingly making a false statement or representation in a matter in which a statement or representation is required by this part or a regulation prescribed under this part is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$20,000 for each false statement or representation. It further provides that the vessel is liable in rem for the penalty. This penalty is increased from \$1,000 in existing law and conforms with the level of similar penalties throughout the subtitle.

#### PART K—NATIONAL MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

#### CHAPTER 151—NATIONAL MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Sec.	
15101.	National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee.
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15109.	Administration.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### TREATMENT OF EXISTING COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Pub. L. 115–282, title VI, § 601(d), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4290, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

“(1) an advisory council or committee substantially similar to an advisory committee established under chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, as added by this Act, and that was in force or in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this section [Dec. 4, 2018], including a council or committee the authority for which was repealed under subsection (c) [repealing sections 4508, 7115, 8108, and 13110 of this title and sections 1231a and 2073 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters], may remain in force or in effect for a period of 2 years from the date of enactment of this section, including that the charter, membership, and other aspects of the council or committee may remain in force or in effect; and

“(2) during the 2-year period referenced in paragraph (1)—

“(A) requirements relating to the applicable advisory committee established under chapter 151 of title 46, United States Code, shall be treated as satisfied by the substantially similar advisory council or committee; and

“(B) the enactment of this section [see Tables for classification], including the amendments made in this section, shall not be the basis—

“(i) to deem, find, or declare such council or committee, including the charter, membership, and other aspects thereof, void, not in force, or not in effect;

“(ii) to suspend the activities of such council or committee; or

“(iii) to bar the members of such council or committee from meeting.”

#### § 15101. National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) FUNCTION.—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to the safe and secure marine transportation of hazardous materials.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall consist of not more than 25 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Each member of the Committee shall represent 1 of the following:

- (A) Chemical manufacturing entities.
- (B) Entities related to marine handling or transportation of chemicals.
- (C) Vessel design and construction entities.
- (D) Marine safety or security entities.
- (E) Marine environmental protection entities.

(4) **DISTRIBUTION.**—The Secretary shall, based on the needs of the Coast Guard, determine the number of members of the Committee who represent each entity specified in paragraph (3). Neither this paragraph nor any other provision of law shall be construed to require an equal distribution of members representing each entity specified in paragraph (3).

(Added Pub. L. 115–282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4280.)

#### § 15102. National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a National Commercial Fishing Safety Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The Committee shall—

(1) advise and provide recommendations in writing to the Secretary on matters relating to the safe operation of vessels to which chapter 45 of this title applies, including the matters of—

- (A) navigation safety;
- (B) safety equipment and procedures;
- (C) marine insurance;
- (D) vessel design, construction, maintenance, and operation; and
- (E) personnel qualifications and training;

(2) review regulations proposed under chapter 45 of this title (during preparation of the regulations); and

(3) review marine casualties and investigations of vessels covered by chapter 45 of this title and make recommendations to the Secretary to improve safety and reduce vessel casualties.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall consist of 18 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.

(2) **EXPERTISE.**—Each member of the Committee shall have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the Committee.

(3) **REPRESENTATION.**—Members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- (A) 10 members shall represent the commercial fishing industry and—
  - (i) as a group, shall together reflect a regional and representational balance; and
  - (ii) as individuals, shall each have experience—

(I) in the operation of vessels to which chapter 45 of this title applies; or

(II) as a crew member or processing line worker on a fish processing vessel.

(B) 1 member shall represent naval architects and marine engineers.

(C) 1 member shall represent manufacturers of equipment for vessels to which chapter 45 of this title applies.

(D) 1 member shall represent education and training professionals related to fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, and fish tender vessel safety and personnel qualifications.

(E) 1 member shall represent underwriters that insure vessels to which chapter 45 of this title applies.

(F) 1 member shall represent owners of vessels to which chapter 45 of this title applies.

(G) 3 members shall represent the general public and, to the extent possible, shall include—

- (i) an independent expert or consultant in maritime safety;
- (ii) a marine surveyor who provides services to vessels to which chapter 45 of this title applies; and
- (iii) a person familiar with issues affecting fishing communities and the families of fishermen.

(d) **QUORUM.**—A quorum of 10 members is required to send any written recommendations from the Committee to the Secretary.

(e) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—Nothing in this section shall preclude the Secretary from taking emergency action to ensure safety and preservation of life at sea.

(Added Pub. L. 115–282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4281; amended Pub. L. 116–283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LXXXIII], §8335(a)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4706.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116–283, §8335(a)(1)(A)(i)(I), inserted “and provide recommendations in writing to” after “advise” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 116–283, §8335(a)(1)(A)(i)(II), (ii), added par. (3).

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 116–283, §8335(a)(1)(B), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

#### § 15103. National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the “Committee”).

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The Committee shall advise the Secretary on matters relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including the training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness of mariners.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Committee shall consist of 19 members appointed by the Secretary in accordance with this section and section 15109 of this chapter.