

individual confidential records previously obtained under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended. Any person charged with the duty of carrying out any of the provisions of this Act, and who fails to carry out such provisions or who shall knowingly violate the regulations promulgated under this section, or any person or persons who shall unlawfully obtain, gain access to, or use such records, shall, upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years, or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or if subject to military or naval law, may be tried by court martial, and, on conviction, shall suffer such punishment as the court martial may direct.

SEC. 8. Except as provided in this Act, all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby suspended to the extent of such conflict for the period in which this Act shall be in force.

SEC. 9. Except as otherwise provided by the terms of this Act, the provisions hereof shall take effect at 12 o'clock postmeridian, March 31, 1947.

Approved March 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 27]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard to waive compliance with the navigation and vessel-inspection laws administered by the Coast Guard.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That effective April 1, 1947, the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, is authorized to waive compliance with the navigation and vessel-inspection laws administered by the Coast Guard to the extent and in such manner and upon such terms as may be deemed necessary by him in the orderly reconversion of the merchant marine from wartime to peacetime operations.

SEC. 2. The authority granted by this resolution shall remain in force only until April 1, 1948: *Provided*, That after June 1, 1947, the Commandant shall not waive compliance with those sections of the navigation and vessel-inspection laws requiring the employment of American citizens as officers and crew members and limiting the employment of aliens except insofar as such employment shall be in the steward's department of vessels authorized to carry in excess of twelve passengers.

Approved March 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 28]

AN ACT

To provide for the suspension of navigation and vessel inspection laws, as applied to vessels operated by the War Department, upon the termination of title V, Second War Powers Act, 1942, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That upon the termination of title V of the Second War Powers Act, 1942, as last amended by the Act of June 29, 1946 (Public Law 475, Seventy-ninth Congress), and upon request of the Secretary of War to the head of each department or agency responsible for the administration of navigation and vessel inspection laws, the operation of all such laws of which suspension is so requested shall be suspended in relation to

54 Stat. 835.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 301-318.
Violation of regulations.

Penalty.

Suspension of conflicting laws.

Effective date.

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[H. J. Res. 76]
[Public Law 27]

U. S. Coast Guard.
Waiver of compliance with designated laws.

Time limitations.
Post, p. 685.

March 31, 1947
[H. R. 1240]
[Public Law 28]

56 Stat. 180; 60 Stat.
345.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 635, 645.
Post, pp. 34, 214,
322.

Time limitation.

all vessels operated by the War Department as to which such suspension has been requested: *Provided*, That such suspension shall be effective only until December 31, 1947.

Approved March 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 29]

AN ACT

March 31, 1947

[S. 931]

[Public Law 29]

To extend certain powers of the President under title III of the Second War Powers Act.

First Decontrol Act of 1947.

Post, p. 321.

Removal of emergency controls, etc.

56 Stat. 176.

50 U. S. C. app. §§ 631-645a.

Ante, p. 25; *infra*; *post*, pp. 214, 322, 946. Authority in limited instances.

Liquidation, etc.

56 Stat. 187.

50 U. S. C. app. § 645. *Post*, pp. 214, 322, 946.

Time limitations.

56 Stat. 176-180, 181, 186.

50 U. S. C. app. §§ 631-635, 637, 644-644b.

56 Stat. 177.

50 U. S. C. app. § 633. Allocations.

Restriction.

Designation of earlier time for termination.

Sugar, rubber, or derivatives.

Force and effect of designated amendments.

54 Stat. 676; 55 Stat. 236.

50 U. S. C. app. § 1152(a).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act shall be cited as the "First Decontrol Act of 1947."

SEC. 2. The Congress hereby declares that it is vital to a free economy and full production in the United States that all emergency controls and war powers under the Second War Powers Act be removed except in certain limited instances.

The Congress further declares that in each such limited instance the authority for such emergency controls and war powers should not be exercised by the grant of broad, general war powers but should be granted by restrictive, specific legislation.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of liquidating existing emergency controls and war powers and for the purpose of affording further opportunity for the appropriate committees of the Congress to consider specific legislation granting restricted authority in limited instances, title XV, section 1501, of the Second War Powers Act, 1942, approved March 27, 1942, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1501. Except as otherwise provided by statute enacted during the first session of the Eightieth Congress on or before the date this section as amended takes effect, titles I, II, III, IV, V, VII, and XIV of this Act and the amendments to existing law made by such titles shall remain in force only until March 31, 1947, except that such title III, and the amendments to existing law made by such title, shall remain in force until June 30, 1947, for the following purposes: (a) Allocations of cinchona bark and cinchona alkaloids, manila (abaca) fiber and cordage, agave fiber and cordage, tin and tin products, antimony and streptomycin; (b) allocations limited to control of production for export of tractors; (c) allocations of the use of transportation equipment and facilities by rail carriers; (d) allocations of materials or facilities for export which are required to expand the production in foreign countries of materials critically needed in the United States; (e) allocations of materials or facilities which are certified by the Secretaries of State and Commerce as necessary to meet international commitments: *Provided*, That any materials or facilities which were not being allocated on March 24, 1947, shall not be allocated hereafter under the provisions of such title III: *Provided further*, That the two Houses of Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate an earlier time for the termination of any power of allocation under such title: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to continue beyond March 31, 1947, any authority to allocate sugar, rubber, or the derivatives thereof. After the amendments made by any such title cease to be in force, any provisions of law amended thereby (except subsection (a) of section 2 of the Act entitled 'An Act to expedite national defense, and for other purposes', approved June 28, 1940, as amended by the Act of May 31, 1941) shall be in full force and effect as though this Act had not been enacted."

Approved March 31, 1947.