

## **TITLE 46 - SHIPPING**

### **Subtitle II - Vessels and Seamen**

#### **Part B - Inspection and Regulation of Vessels**

#### **CHAPTER 47 - ABANDONMENT OF BARGES**

### **§ 4701. Definitions**

In this chapter—

- (1) “abandon” means to moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a barge of more than 100 gross tons as measured under section 14502 of this title, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of this title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of this title unattended for longer than forty-five days.
- (2) “barge removal contractor” means a person that enters into a contract with the United States to remove an abandoned barge under this chapter.
- (3) “navigable waters of the United States” means waters of the United States, including the territorial sea.
- (4) “removal” or “remove” means relocation, sale, scrapping, or other method of disposal.

(Added Pub. L. 102–587, title V, § 5302, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5081; amended Pub. L. 104–324, title VII, § 718, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3937.)

#### **Amendments**

1996—Par. (1). Pub. L. 104–324 inserted “as measured under section 14502 of this title, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of this title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of this title” after “100 gross tons”.

#### **Application to Certain Barges**

Pub. L. 102–587, title V, § 5303, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5083, provided that: “Chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, as added by subsection (a) [section 5302], does not apply to a barge abandoned before June 11, 1992, if the barge was removed before the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this title [Nov. 4, 1992].”

#### **Territorial Sea of United States**

For extension of territorial sea of United States, see Proc. No. 5928, set out as a note under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.