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Vessels

Cargoes.

Disbursements.

Personal effects.

Loss of life, etc.

Liabilities of vessels, etc.

Other than war risks.

Procurement.

5 U. S. C. §§ 134-134b. Insurance without premium.

Indemnity agreement

War or period of emergency.

"(a) American vessels, including vessels under construction, foreign-flag vessels owned by citizens of the United States or engaged in transportation in the water-borne commerce of the United States or in such other transportation by water or such other services as may be deemed by the Secretary to be in the interest of the national

defense or the national economy of the United States, when so engaged. "(b) Cargoes shipped or to be shipped on any such vessels, includ-ing shipments by express or registered mail; cargoes owned by citi-zens or residents of the United States, its Territories or possessions: cargoes imported to, or exported from, the United States, its Terri-tories or possessions, and cargoes sold or purchased by citizens or residents of the United States, its Territories or possessions, under contracts of sale or purchase by the terms of which the risk of loss by war risks or the obligation to provide insurance against such risks is assumed by or falls upon a citizen or resident of the United States, its Territories or possessions; cargoes shipped between ports in the United States, or between ports in the United States and its Territories and possessions, or between ports in such Territories or possessions.

"(c) The disbursements, including advances to masters and general average disbursements, and freight and passage moneys of such vessels. "(d) The personal effects of the masters, officers, and crews of

such vessels, and of other persons transported on such vessels. "(e) Masters, officers, members of the crews of such vessels and other persons employed or transported thereon against loss of life, injury, detention by an enemy of the United States following capture.

"(f) Statutory on contractual obligations or other liabilities of such vessels or of the owner or charterer of such vessels of the nature customarily covered by insurance.

"SEC. 1204. Whenever the Secretary shall insure any risk included under subsection (d), (e), or (f) of section 1203, insofar as it concerns liabilities relating to the masters, officers, and crews of such vessels or to other persons transported thereon, the insurance on such risks may include risks other than war risks to the extent that the Secretary determines to be necessary or advisable.

"SEC. 1205. (a) Any department or agency of the United States may, with the approval of the President, procure from the Secretary any of the insurance as provided for in this title, except as provided in sections 1 and 2 of the Act of July 8, 1937 (50 Stat. 479).

"(b) The Secretary is authorized with such approval to provide such insurance at the request of the Secretary of Defense, and such other agencies as the President may prescribe, without premium in consideration of the agreement of the Secretary of Defense or such agency to indemnify the Secretary against all losses covered by such insurance, and the Secretary of Defense and such other agencies are authorized to execute such indemnity agreement with the Secretary. "SEC. 1206. The Secretary is authorized during any time the United States is at war or during any period of emergency declared to exist by the President of the United States, to provide insurance for any person who performs services or provides facilities for or with respect to any American- or foreign-flag vessel, public or private, against legal liabilities that may be incurred by such person in connection with the performance of such services or the providing of such facilities. Such insurance shall not be issued against liability to employees in respect of employers' liability or workmen's compensation. No such insurance shall be provided unless, in the opinion of

the Secretary, such insurance is required in the prosecution of the war effort or in connection with national defense and cannot be obtained at reasonable rates or upon reasonable conditions from