

and interest of the Government of the United States in personal property situated in American Samoa shall be transferred, without reimbursement, to the American Samoa government on October 1, 1981, unless the agency of the Government of the United States having administrative responsibility for the property advises the Secretary of the Interior in writing before the date of transfer that it has a continuing requirement for such property.”

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Pub. L. 87-158, Aug. 17, 1961, 75 Stat. 392, authorized the Secretary of the Navy to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the government of American Samoa, within ninety days after August 17, 1961, title to all property, real and personal, located in American Samoa on that date which was owned by the United States and was within the administrative supervision of the Department of the Navy on such date.

SUBMERGED LANDS, CONVEYANCE TO TERRITORY

Conveyance of submerged lands to the government of American Samoa, see section 1701 et seq. of this title.

EX. ORD. NO. 10264, TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Ex. Ord. No. 10264, eff. June 29, 1951, 16 F.R. 6419, provided:

1. The administration of American Samoa is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer to become effective on July 1, 1951.

2. The Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior shall proceed with the plans for the transfer of administration of American Samoa as embodied in the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding between the two departments.

3. When the transfer of administration made by this order becomes effective, the Secretary of the Interior shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of civil government in American Samoa.

4. The executive departments and agencies of the Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Departments of the Navy and Interior in the effectuation of the provisions of this order.

5. The said Executive order of February 19, 1900 [Ex. Ord. 125-A], is revoked, effective July 1, 1951.

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**§ 1662a. Amendment of constitution of American Samoa**

Amendments of, or modifications to, the constitution of American Samoa, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 10264 as in effect January 1, 1983, may be made only by Act of Congress.

(Pub. L. 98-213, § 12, Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1462.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 10264, referred to in text, is set out under section 1662 of this title.

**§ 1663. Acknowledgment of deeds**

Deeds and other instruments affecting land situate in the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States may be acknowledged in the islands of Guam and Samoa or in the Canal Zone before any notary public or judge, appointed therein by proper authority, or by any officer therein who has ex officio the powers of a notary public: *Provided*, That the certificate by such notary in Guam, Samoa, or the Canal Zone, as the case may be, shall be accompanied

by the certificate of the governor or acting governor of such place to the effect that the notary taking said acknowledgment was in fact the officer he purported to be; and any deeds or other instruments affecting lands so situate, so acknowledged since the first day of January, 1905, and accompanied by such certificate shall have the same effect as such deeds or other instruments hereafter so acknowledged and certified.

(June 28, 1906, ch. 3585, 34 Stat. 552.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of Canal Zone, referred to in text, see section 3602(b) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

CODIFICATION

Section is also classified to section 1421f-1 of this title.

Section was formerly classified to sections 1358 and 1432 of this title.

Section is also set out in D.C. Code, § 45-605.

CROSS REFERENCES

Similar provisions relating to Guam, see section 1421f-1 of this title.

**§ 1664. Coastwise shipping laws of United States inapplicable**

The provisions of law of the United States restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from any port of the United States to another port of the United States shall not be applicable to commerce between<sup>1</sup> the islands of American Samoa or between those islands and other ports under the jurisdiction of the United States.

(June 14, 1934, ch. 523, 48 Stat. 963.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1433 of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Transportation of merchandise between points in United States in other than domestic-built and documented vessels, see section 883 of Title 46, Appendix, Shipping.

**§ 1665. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act Oct. 5, 1992, Pub. L. 102-381, title I, 106 Stat. 1392, which authorized Territorial and local governments of American Samoa to make purchases through General Services Administration, was from the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 1469e of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Nov. 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-154, title I, 105 Stat. 1007.

Nov. 5, 1990, Pub. L. 101-512, title I, 104 Stat. 1932.

Oct. 23, 1989, Pub. L. 101-121, title I, 103 Stat. 716.

Sept. 27, 1988, Pub. L. 100-446, title I, 102 Stat. 1797.

Dec. 22, 1987, Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(g) [title I], 101 Stat. 1329-213, 1329-231.

Oct. 18, 1986, Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(h) [title I], 100 Stat. 1783-242, 1783-258, and Oct. 30, 1986, Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(h) [title I], 100 Stat. 3341-242, 3341-258.

Dec. 19, 1985, Pub. L. 99-190, § 101(d) [title I], 99 Stat. 1224, 1238.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “between”.