

Earth orbit in outer space, or otherwise in outer space;

(6) the term “launch services” means activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle and its payload for launch and the conduct of a launch;

(7) the term “launch support facilities” means facilities located at launch sites or launch ranges that are required to support launch activities, including launch vehicle assembly, launch vehicle operations and control, communications, flight safety functions, and payload operations, control, and processing.¹

(8) the term “launch vehicle” means any vehicle constructed for the purpose of operating in or placing a payload in, outer space or in suborbital trajectories, and includes components of that vehicle;

(9) the term “payload” means an object which a person undertakes to launch, and includes subcomponents of the launch vehicle specifically designed or adapted for that object;

(10) the term “payload integration services” means activities involved in integrating multiple payloads into a single payload for launch or integrating a payload with a launch vehicle;

(11) the term “space recovery support facilities” means facilities required to support activities related to the recovery of payloads returned from space to a space recovery site, including operations and control, communications, flight safety functions, and payload processing;

(12) the term “space transportation infrastructure” means facilities, associated equipment, and real property, including launch sites, launch support facilities, space recovery sites, and space recovery support facilities, required to perform launch or space recovery activities;

(13) the term “State” means the several States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States; and

(14) the term “United States” means the States, collectively.

(Pub. L. 102-588, title V, §502, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5123.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title V of Pub. L. 102-588, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5122, which enacted this chapter and amended section 2454 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and section 2615 of former Title 49, Transportation. For complete classification of title V to the Code, see Tables.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 49 section 70301.

§ 5803. Launch voucher demonstration program

(a) Commercial space voucher demonstration program; effective period

The Administrator shall establish a demonstration program to award vouchers for the

payment of commercial launch services and payload integration services for the purpose of launching payloads funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to become effective October 1, 1993.

(b) Award of vouchers

The Administrator shall award vouchers under subsection (a) of this section to appropriate individuals as a part of grants administered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the launch of—

(1) payloads to be placed in suborbital trajectories; and

(2) small payloads to be placed in orbit.

(c) Assistance

The Administrator may provide voucher award recipients with such assistance, including contract formulation and technical support during the proposal evaluation, as may be necessary, to ensure the purchase of cost effective and reasonably reliable commercial launch services and payload integration services.

(d) Report

The Administrator shall conduct an ongoing review of the program established under this section, and shall, not later than January 31, 1995, report to Congress the results of such a review, together with recommendations for further action relating to the program.

(Pub. L. 102-588, title V, §504, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5124; Pub. L. 105-303, title I, §103, Oct. 28, 1998, 112 Stat. 2851.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-303, §103(1), struck out “the Office of Commercial Programs within” after “payloads funded by” and struck out at end “Such program shall not be effective after September 30, 1995.”

Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 105-303, §103(2), (3), redesignated subsecs. (d) and (e) as (c) and (d), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “In carrying out the demonstration program established under subsection (a) of this section, the Administrator, in awarding vouchers, is limited to the launch of payloads funded by the Office of Commercial Programs within the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.”

“ADMINISTRATOR” DEFINED

Administrator means Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, see section 102(f) of Pub. L. 102-588, 106 Stat. 5110.

§ 5804. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-272, §7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379

Section, Pub. L. 102-588, title V, §505, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5124, related to space transportation infrastructure matching grants. See sections 70301 to 70305 of Title 49, Transportation.

§ 5805. Identification of launch support facilities

(a) Identification

The Administrator and the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, shall conduct an inventory and identify all launch support facilities owned by the United States Government. To the extent practicable, the Administrator and the Secretary of Defense shall also identify any launch support facilities which could be made

¹ So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.