

cars used by such road, together with the passengers, freight, express matter, baggage, and mails transported in such cars, without being subject to any other or different restrictions than those imposed by law on any vessel of the United States entering ports of the United States from ports in the same foreign country: *Provided*, That except as authorized by section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. IV, title 46, sec. 883), such ferry, tugboat, or towboat shall not, under penalty of forfeiture, be used in connection with the transportation of any merchandise shipped from any port or place in the United States, its Territories or possessions, embraced within the coastwise laws of the United States, to any other port or place within the same.

Proviso.
Transportation of merchandise not authorized; exception. 41 Stat. 999. 46 U. S. C. § 883; Supp. V, § 883.

“(d) No foreign vessel shall, under penalty of forfeiture, engage in salvaging operations on the Atlantic or Pacific coast of the United States, in any portion of the Great Lakes or their connecting or tributary waters, including any portion of the Saint Lawrence River through which the international boundary line extends, or in territorial waters of the United States on the Gulf of Mexico, except when authorized by a treaty or in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 19, 1878, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 725): *Provided, however*, That if, on investigation, the Secretary of Commerce is satisfied that no suitable vessel wholly owned by a person who is a citizen of the United States and documented under the laws of the United States or numbered pursuant to the Act of June 7, 1918, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. IV, title 46, sec. 288), is available in any particular locality he may authorize the use of a foreign vessel or vessels in salvaging operations in that locality and no penalty shall be incurred for such authorized use.

Salvaging operations by foreign vessel, restriction.

20 Stat. 175.

Proviso.
Use of foreign vessels.

40 Stat. 602. 46 U. S. C. § 288; Supp. V, § 288.

“(e) Nothing in this section shall be held or construed to prohibit or restrict any assistance to vessels or salvage operations authorized by article II of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain ‘concerning reciprocal rights for United States and Canada in the conveyance of prisoners and wrecking and salvage’ signed at Washington, May 18, 1908 (35 Stat. 2036), or by the treaty between the United States and Mexico ‘to facilitate assistance to and salvage of vessels in territorial waters’, signed at Mexico City, June 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 3359).”

Assistance to vessels or salvage operations. Treaties with Great Britain and Mexico.

Approved, June 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 325]

AN ACT

To limit the interpretation of the term “products of American fisheries”.

June 11, 1940
[H. R. 8475]
[Public, No. 600]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That wherever, in the statutes of the United States or in the rulings, regulations, or interpretations of various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States there appears or may appear the term “products of American fisheries” said term shall not include fresh or frozen fish fillets, fresh or frozen fish steaks, or fresh or frozen slices of fish substantially free of bone (including any of the foregoing divided into sections), produced in a foreign country or its territorial waters, in whole or in part with the use of the labor of persons who are not residents of the United States.

“Products of American fisheries,” interpretation.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on the day following the date of enactment hereof.

Effective date.

Approved, June 11, 1940.