

**TITLE 46 - SHIPPING****Subtitle V - Merchant Marine****Part D - Promotional Programs****CHAPTER 553 - PASSENGER AND CARGO PREFERENCES****SUBCHAPTER I - GENERAL****§ 55304. Exports financed by the United States Government**

It is the sense of Congress that any loans made by an instrumentality of the United States Government to foster the exporting of agricultural or other products shall provide that the products may be transported only on vessels of the United States unless, as to any or all of those products, the Secretary of Transportation, after investigation, certifies to the instrumentality that vessels of the United States are not available in sufficient number, in sufficient tonnage capacity, on necessary schedules, or at reasonable rates.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1642.)

**Historical and Revision Notes**

<b>Revised Section</b>	<b>Source (U.S. Code)</b>	<b>Source (Statutes at Large)</b>
55304		
46 App.:1241–1.		
	Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 90, 48 Stat. 500; June 29, 1936, ch. 858, § 204, 49 Stat. 1987; Pub. L. 97–31, § 12(127), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 165.	

This section codifies the Joint Resolution of March 26, 1934 (ch. 90, 48 Stat. 500) (also commonly known as Public Resolution 17). The codification of this provision is not intended to change its status as a “Sense of Congress” provision in any way. The words “Reconstruction Finance Corporation or” are omitted as obsolete because the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was abolished by section 6 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1957 (5 App. U.S.C.).