

**PART 1206—RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR INVOKING SANCTIONS
UNDER THE HIGHWAY SAFETY
ACT OF 1966**

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AUTHORITY: 23 U.S.C. 402; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.48 and 1.50.

SOURCE: 61 FR 28747, June 6, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1206.1 Scope.

This part establishes procedures governing determinations to invoke the sanctions applicable to any State that does not comply with the highway safety program requirements in the Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended (23 U.S.C. 402).

§ 1206.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to prescribe procedures for determining whether and the extent to which the 23 U.S.C. 402 sanctions should be invoked, and to ensure that, should sanctions be proposed to be invoked against a State, the State has a full and fair opportunity to be heard on the issues involved.

§ 1206.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Administrators* means the Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

(b) *Highway safety program* means an approved program in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 402, which is designed by a State to reduce traffic accidents, and death, injuries and property damage resulting therefrom.

(c) *Implementing* means both having and putting into effect an approved highway safety program.

§ 1206.4 Sanctions.

(a) The Administrators shall not apportion any funds under 23 U.S.C. 402 to any State which is not implementing a highway safety program.

(b) If the Administrators have apportioned funds to a State and subsequently determine that the State is not implementing a highway safety program, the Administrators shall reduce the funds apportioned under 23 U.S.C. 402 to the State by amounts equal to not less than 50 per centum, until such time as the Administrators determine that the State is implementing a highway safety program.

(c) The Administrators shall consider the gravity of the State's failure to implement a highway safety program in determining the amount of the reduction.

(d) If the Administrators determine that a State has begun implementing a highway safety program before the end of the fiscal year for which the funds were withheld, they shall promptly apportion to the State the funds withheld from its apportionment.

(e) If the Administrators determine that the State did not correct its failure before the end of the fiscal year for which the funds were withheld, the Administrators shall reapportion the withheld funds to the other States, in accordance with the formula specified in 23 U.S.C. 402(c), not later than 30 days after such determination.

§ 1206.5 Review process.

(a) In any fiscal year, if the Administrators determine, based on a preliminary review, that a State is not implementing a highway safety program in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 402, the Administrators shall issue jointly to the State an advance notice, advising the State that the Administrators expect to either withhold funds from apportionment under 23 U.S.C. 402, or reduce the State's apportioned funds under 23 U.S.C. 402. The Administrators shall state the amount of the expected withholding or reduction. The advance notice will normally be sent not later than ninety days prior to final apportionment.

(b) If the Administrators issue an advance notice to a State, based on a preliminary review, the State may, within 30 days of its receipt of the advance notice, submit documentation demonstrating that it is implementing a

highway safety program. Documentation shall be submitted to the Administrator for NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20590.

(c) If the Administrators decide, after reviewing all relevant information, that a State is not implementing a highway safety program in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 402, they shall issue a final notice, advising the State either of the funds being withheld from apportionment under 23 U.S.C. 402, or of the apportioned funds being reduced under 23 U.S.C. 402 and the amount of the withholding or reduction. The final notice of a withholding will normally be issued on October 1. The final notice of a reduction will be issued at the time of a final decision.

PART 1208—NATIONAL MINIMUM DRINKING AGE

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AUTHORITY: 23 U.S.C. 158; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.48 and 1.50.

SOURCE: 51 FR 10380, Mar. 26, 1986, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1208.1 Scope.

This part prescribes the requirements necessary to implement 23 U.S.C. 158, which establishes the National Minimum Drinking Age.

§ 1208.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to clarify the provisions which a State must have incorporated into its laws in order to prevent the withholding of Federal-aid highway funds for noncompliance with the National Minimum Drinking Age.

§ 1208.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Alcoholic beverage means beer, distilled spirits and wine containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume. Beer includes, but is not limited to, ale, lager, porter, stout,

sake, and other similar fermented beverages brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part or from any substitute therefor. Distilled spirits include alcohol, ethanol or spirits or wine in any form, including all dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever process produced.

Public possession means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption on any street or highway or in any public place or in any place open to the public (including a club which is *de facto* open to the public). The term does not apply to the possession of alcohol for an established religious purpose; when accompanied by a parent, spouse or legal guardian age 21 or older; for medical purposes when prescribed or administered by a licensed physician, pharmacist, dentist, nurse, hospital or medical institution; in private clubs or establishments; or to the sale, handling, transport, or service in dispensing of any alcoholic beverage pursuant to lawful employment of a person under the age of twenty-one years by a duly licensed manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer of alcoholic beverages.

Purchase means to acquire by the payment of money or other consideration.

§ 1208.4 Adoption of National Minimum Drinking Age.

The Secretary shall withhold ten percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any State under each of §§ 104(b)(1), 104(b)(2), 104(b)(5) and 104(b)(6) of title 23 U.S.C. on the first day of each fiscal year in which the purchase or public possession in such State of any alcoholic beverage by a person who is less than twenty-one years of age is lawful.

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§ 1208.5 Unavailability of withheld funds.

Funds withheld under § 1208.4 from apportionment to any State will not be available for apportionment to the State.

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