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### The President

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER 9641

##### SALE OF CERTAIN COMBATANT VESSELS OF THE NAVY

By virtue of authority vested in me by section 5 of the act of March 3, 1883, 22 Stat. 599 (34 U.S.C. 492), it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Combatant vessels of the Navy stricken from the Navy Register pursuant to section 2 of the act of August 5, 1882, 22 Stat. 296 (34 U.S.C. 491), and offered for sale pursuant to section 5 of the said act of March 3, 1883, may be sold at public sale to the highest acceptable bidder, regardless of their appraised value, after being advertised for sale for a period not less than thirty days.

2. "Combatant vessels", as used herein, shall mean vessels of the following categories: (a) battleships, (b) cruisers, (c) aircraft carriers, (d) destroyers, and (e) submarines.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
October 15, 1945.

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### Regulations

#### TITLE 7—AGRICULTURE

##### Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of Agriculture

##### PART 4—OIL AND GAS LEASES

##### OIL AND GAS RIGHTS; POLICY AS TO DEVELOPMENT

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by the act of March 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1150, 16 U.S.C. 520), and 40 Ops. Att'y Gen. No. 7, §§ 4.1 and 4.2 of Part 4, Subtitle A, Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, are hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 4.1 Oil and gas rights to which these regulations apply. The regulations herein promulgated are applicable to oil and gas rights owned by the United States and under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof. They are not applicable to oil and gas rights in (a) lands reserved from the public domain or acquired by exchange pursuant to the act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465, 16 U.S.C. 485, 486), as such lands are subject to the mineral laws applicable to the public domain and the authority to execute such laws is vested in the Secretary of the Interior, or (b) to lands acquired by any agency under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration.

§ 4.2 Policy as to development. (a) In national forest lands administered under the act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961), as amended, the Secretary, pursuant to the authority conferred upon him in the act of March 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1150, 16 U.S.C. 520), will issue oil and gas leases upon his determination that such leases are for the best interests of the United States.

(b) In all other lands, pursuant to the applicable statutory authorizations, the Secretary will issue "protective" leases which shall provide for the development of oil and gas in any such lands only upon the Secretary's determination that such development is required to protect the interests of the United States in the petroleum resources of such lands from drainage by actual or prospective operations on adjacent lands. All "protective" leases shall provide for the commencement of drilling only upon notice from the Secretary that the danger of drainage makes such action necessary.

Issued this 15th day of October 1945.

[SEAL] CHARLES F. BRANNAN,  
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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