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The Shipping Act is a set of maritime commerce regulations overseen by The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). The Shipping Act of 1916 created the United States Shipping Board, the first federal agency tasked with regulating the U.S. maritime industry and addressing shipping shortages caused by World War I. It was later modified by the Shipping Act of 1984 in response to changes in the industry and more recently by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022. Today it remains foundational to regulating the U.S. commercial shipping industry.

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