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Helpful Hints For Searching the 1997 Blue Book - Ways and Means Committee Print Online via GPO Access

Content and file format:

The 1997 Blue Book - Overview and Compilation of U.S. Trade Statutes (Ways and Means Committee Print 105-4), June 25, 1997 is divided into 2 parts. Part I contains a general overview of current provisions for U.S. trade laws. Part II contains a compilation of the actual text of these laws, as amended. This publication is part of the database for the 105th Congress Ways and Means Committee Prints. Documents are available as ASCII text files and as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files¹.

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Sample Searches:

Contents

Query: contents
Results: WMCP: 105-4 [1997 Blue Book] Chapter 13: RECIPROCAL TRADE...
WMCP: 105-4 [1997 Blue Book] OVERVIEW AND COMPILATION OF U.S. TRADE STATUTES

This search is an example of how to find the document containing the table of contents for the committee print. In this case, the contents is contained in the 2nd result listed above. Once this document is retrieved you can browse the contents to locate the appropriate chapter and perform a follow-up search for that chapter heading (see next sample search).

Chapter

Query: "tariff and customs laws"
Results: Chapter 1: TARIFF AND CUSTOMS LAWS
Chapter 8: TARIFF AND CUSTOMS LAWS

This search is an example of using a chapter title to retrieve the appropriate chapter. Part I (Chapters 1-7) contains a general overview of current provisions for our trade laws. Part II (Chapters 8-14) contains a compilation of the actual text of these laws, as amended. The Chapter titles in each part are identical. For example, Chapters 1 and 8 have the same title, as do chapters 2 and 9, etc.

Subject

Query: "trade embargo"
Alternative: trade ADJ embargo
Results: Chapter 5: AUTHORITIES RELATING TO POLITICAL OR ECON...
Chapter 12: AUTHORITIES RELATING TO POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC...

To search for a subject simply enter the word or phrase and submit your search. If searching for a phrase surround your terms in quotation marks, or use the ADJ boolean operator. Either search will produce the same results.

Act or Law

Query: "hong kong policy act"
Results: WMCP: 105-4 [1997 Blue Book] OVERVIEW AND COMPILATION OF
WMCP: 105-4 [1997 Blue Book] Chapter 5: AUTHORITIES RELATING

If searching for a particular law or act, enter the entire name of the law or act in quotation marks, treating it as a phrase. Once in the results list, select a chapter and use the find command to locate the reference to the law or act within the document.

Appendix

Query: Appendix
Results: WMCP: 105-4 [1997 Blue Book] Chapter 8: TARIFF AND CUSTOMS
WMCP: 105-4 [1997 Blue Book] APPENDIX

When searching for the appendix, titles other than the appendix will appear in your results list. This is because the appendix is referenced in various chapters throughout the document. The document titled "Appendix" will also, however, appear in the results.

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Web/FTP: fedbbs.access.gpo.gov or point your browser to <http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov> The file is in the HELP directory. Check 00INDEX.txt for file descriptions.

ENDNOTES

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