

## SUBCHAPTER C—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION

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#### **§101.1 Signal stations at the Canal entrances.**

The Panama Canal Commission maintains established signal stations at both the Atlantic and Pacific entrances of the Canal. A vessel arriving at the Canal must communicate with the signal station which is located at the entrance of the Canal at which that vessel arrives. Vessels required to be equipped with a radiotelephone pursuant to Part 123 of this subchapter must, upon arrival, communicate with the appropriate signal station on Channel 12, 156.000 MHz. All other vessels may use International Code and flashing light. Such stations are also utilized to assist in control of traffic within Panama Canal waters.

CROSS REFERENCE: See Part 123 for provisions respecting radio communication by vessels prior to arrival and while they are in Panama Canal waters.

#### **§101.2 Boarding of arriving vessels.**

(a) Unless otherwise directed, all arriving vessels will anchor in designated anchorages to await instructions. No person other than boarding officials of the Panama Canal Commission and the Republic of Panama may go on board

or leave any vessel until such vessel has been entered by the Commission and where applicable, by the Republic of Panama.

(b) Arriving vessels that are subject to inspection for compliance with Panama Canal shipping and navigation regulations will normally be boarded upon arrival inside the breakwater at the Atlantic entrance of the Canal or off the seaward end of the dredged, marked channel at the Pacific entrance. When such vessels are not boarded immediately upon arrival, they shall anchor in a designated anchorage area and await the boarding official. Weather and sea conditions permitting, the boarding of vessels may take place outside of these areas. Boarding will be performed by a Commission boarding official in accordance with the procedures established under this part.

(c) Admeasurement functions shall be performed on arriving vessels either while at anchor or during transit.

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#### **§101.3 Definition and functions of the boarding officer.**

(a) Boarding officer means any official or employee of the Panama Canal Commission who is duly assigned the functions of a boarding officer, including admeasurement and sanitation.

(b) The Commission boarding officer shall perform the functions of admeasurer for the purpose of determining Panama Canal tolls and shall make inspection for the purpose of insuring compliance with Panama Canal shipping, navigation and sanitation regulations.

#### **§101.4 Measurement of vessel making maiden transit.**

A vessel that arrives after 8 p.m. and is to make her maiden transit will normally be admeasured on the following day.

[31 FR 12287, Sept. 16, 1966]

**§ 101.8 Vessel anchorage areas.**

The following areas are designated as authorized anchorages within Canal waters:

(a) *Atlantic entrance*—(1) *Merchant-vessel anchorage*. An area to the west of the Canal channel bounded as follows: Starting at a point "A", located in position 9°21'25" N., 79°55'31" W., and marked by lighted buoy No. 2, thence 900 yards 270° true to a point "B" located in position 9°21'25" N., 79°55'58" W., thence to lighted buoy "I", thence to lighted buoy "H", thence due north to a point "C" located in position 9°22'07" N., 79°56'41" W., thence 2,800 yards 59° true to a point "D" located in position 9°22'50" N., 79°55'29" W., and thence to the starting point. The line extending due west from the Cristobal Mole through lighted beacon No. 1 and lighted buoy No. 2 (9°21'25" North) marks the southern limit of the anchorage area. Except as provided by § 105.3, no vessel shall pass this line without having been passed by the boarding officer and without having a Canal pilot on board.

(2) *Outside explosive anchorage*. An area bounded by a line from Point A at position 9°23'53" N., 79°56'29" W., thence to Point B at position 9°24'40" N., 79°56'29" W., thence to Point C at position 9°24'40" N., 79°57'00" W., thence to Point D at position 9°23'53" N., 79°57'00" W., thence to Point A.

(3) *Inside explosive anchorage*. The area included in a rectangle one thousand yards wide immediately south of the West breakwater, the rectangle extending 2000 yards along the west breakwater from a point on the west breakwater one thousand yards from the west breakwater light.

(4) *Small-craft anchorage*. An area to the east of the Canal channel bounded as follows: Starting at buoy "A", a flashing amber buoy located in position 9°20'43" N., 79°55'10" W., thence 1075 yards 066° true, through fixed amber lighted buoy "B" to fixed amber lighted buoy "C", thence 375 yards 143° true, thence 1760 yards 233° true to the east prism of the Canal channel, thence due north 410 yards to flashing special anchorage buoy "3", thence 525 yards 023° true to the starting point at buoy "A".

(b) *Gatun Lake anchorage*. An area immediately east of the Canal channel line, bounded by a line extending from

the south end of the east wing-wall of Gatun Locks, thence 450 yards 120° true, thence 676 yards 146° true to flashing special anchorage buoy "A", thence 1,415 yards 078° true to flashing special anchorage buoy "1", thence 1,199 yards 155° true to flashing special anchorage buoy "3", thence 2,314 yards 225° true through special anchorage buoy "5" to special anchorage buoy "7", thence 901 yards 220° true to special anchorage buoy "9", thence 952 yards 205° true to the Canal channel line at flashing buoy "11", the channel prism line being the westerly boundary line of the anchorage area.

(c) *Pacific entrance*—(1) *Merchant-vessel anchorage*. An area bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in position 8°51'50" N., 79°30'00" W., marked by a lighted, whistle buoy which is painted with alternating black and white vertical stripes and which shows short-long flashing white light every 8 seconds (i.e., light 0.4 second, eclipse 0.4 second, light 1.6 seconds, eclipse 5.6 seconds), thence due east to longitude 79°28'00" W., thence due north to 8°54'31" N., thence due west toward Flamenco Island Light to a point 8°54'31" N., 79°30'46" W., thence southwestward touching the northwest corner of San Jose Rock to position 8°53'27" N., 79°31'23" W., marked by canal-entrance lighted buoy No. 2, thence southeastward to the point of beginning.

(2) *Explosive anchorage*. An area south of Naos Island bounded on the east by a line drawn south (true) from canal-entrance lighted buoy No. 1; on the south by a line drawn east (true) from Tortolita Island, and in the north and west by the curve of 30 foot depth.

(d) If there are any discrepancies between the designated anchorage areas as described in this section and the anchorage areas described in paragraph 4 of Annex A of the Agreement in Implementation of Article III of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and the attachments thereto, the description in the treaty documents shall govern.

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**§ 101.9 Papers required by boarding officer.**

On arrival, there shall be ready for immediate inspection or delivery, as the case may be, to the boarding officer

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the required number of copies of papers concerning tonnage of vessel, cargo, and such other matters upon which information is necessary, as are prescribed by §101.10. The required manifests, lists and statements shall be sworn to by the Master or agent of the vessel. Vessels will not be permitted to transit until properly cleared by the boarding officer. Failure to present the required papers to boarding officers could result in loss of the vessel's relative position in the movement schedule and delay in granting the necessary permission to depart.

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### § 101.10 Same; list.

(a) *Documents for Commission Boarding Officer.* All documents listed below shall be ready for immediate delivery to the boarding officer when he boards the vessel upon each arrival of the vessel at the Canal.

#### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

(1) Ship's Information and Quarantine Declaration (Panama Canal Form 4398)—1 copy.

(2) Cargo Declaration (Panama Canal Form 4363)—1 copy.<sup>1</sup>

(3) Crew List (Panama Canal Form 1509)—1 Copy

(4) Passenger List (Panama Canal Form 20)—1 copy.

(5) Dangerous Cargo Manifest—1 copy.<sup>2</sup>

(6) Loading Plan—1 copy.<sup>3</sup>

(7) Panama Canal Tonnage Certificate—1 copy.<sup>1</sup>

(8) Ship's plans (general arrangement, engine room, capacity, mid-ship, etc.)—1 copy.<sup>1</sup>

(b) *Documents for examination only.* The following documents shall be available for inspection by the Commission boarding officer:

(1) Ship's log,

(2) All ship's documents pertaining to cargo, classification, construction, load lines, equipment, safety, sanitation, and tonnage,

(3) SOLAS certificate, for ships carrying dangerous cargo in bulk,

(4) An International Oil Pollution certificate, for ships carrying dangerous cargo in bulk, and

(5) Certificates showing compliance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), if the nation of registry has implemented the convention standards. If the nation of registry has not implemented the STCW convention, then certifications issued or accepted by the registry nation attesting to the qualifications of officers and crew will be accepted by the agency. Certification requirements will apply only to officers and crew responsible for the safe handling of the vessel.

(c) *Crew list.* For the purposes of additional identification of crew members, all copies of the crew list required by this section shall include for each seaman the serial number of his certificate of identification, continuous discharge book, passport or other satisfactory identifying documentation. In addition, the given name and middle initial, as well as the family name, shall be shown for all seamen.

(d) *Passenger list.* The passenger list required by this section shall be in accurate and legible form and shall be delivered to the boarding officer. The list shall show passengers in alphabetical order.

(e) *Dangerous cargo manifest.* The dangerous cargo manifest for vessels carrying packaged dangerous goods, as defined in §113.2(m) of this title, shall show the correct technical name, United Nations number, International Maritime Organization class and division, storage location, and quantity for each packaged dangerous good carried as cargo.

(f) *Loading plan.* The loading plan for vessels carrying dangerous cargo in bulk, as defined in §113.2(f) of this title, shall show the location of cargo tanks or holds and the correct technical name, United Nations number, International Maritime Organization class and division, and quantity of dangerous

<sup>1</sup>Required only if vessel transits Canal.

<sup>2</sup>Required only if vessel is carrying packaged, dangerous goods.

<sup>3</sup>Required only if vessel is carrying dangerous cargo in bulk.

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cargo carried in each cargo tank or hold.

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§ 101.13 Entry and departure of vessels.

(a) An arriving vessel shall be entered at either the Pacific or Atlantic entrance. A vessel is entered by the Canal Commission authorities upon the report of the boarding officer and it is not necessary for the Master to come ashore for that purpose. At the discretion of the Marine Director, a vessel may be denied entry for failure to comply with Panama Canal regulations. In certain cases vessels may be provisionally entered. When provisional entry is granted, vessels may remain in Canal waters only under the conditions set forth in the provisional entry. Permission to enter port waters will be given by the Republic of Panama.

(b) Any vessel that has entered or has provisionally entered the Canal shall, prior to its departure therefrom, obtain permission from the Marine Director or designee. Permission to depart shall be issued only after that official has been satisfied that:

(1) All documents and statistical data required for entry or provisional entry by the Canal authorities respecting the vessel and its cargo have been furnished; and

(2) Tolls and other charges for services or supplies furnished by the Panama Canal Commission have been paid or the payment secured.

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§ 101.14 Panama Canal waters; definition.

As used in this Subchapter, the term "Panama Canal waters" or "Canal waters" refers to all waters lying within the Canal operating area described in Annex A of the Agreement in Implementation of Article III of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama and depicted in attachments thereto.

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§ 103.1 Regulations to be kept aboard.

All vessels shall keep aboard not less than one copy of the current regulations contained in Subchapters A, B, and C of this chapter. Vessels arriving for the first time without such regulations aboard shall obtain them through