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Subpart 24.01—Purpose

§ 24.01-1 Purpose of regulations.

The purpose of the regulations in this subchapter is to set forth uniform minimum requirements for uninspected commercial vessels, certain motor vessels, vessels propelled by sail carrying passengers for hire, and barges carrying passengers for hire.

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§ 24.01-7 Right of appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this subchapter, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal therefrom in accordance with subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

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Subpart 24.05—Application

§ 24.05-1 Vessels subject to the requirements of this subchapter.

(a) This subchapter shall be applicable to all vessels indicated in Column 6 of Table 24.05-1 (a), and shall apply to all such United States flag vessels, and to all such foreign vessels, except as follows:

(1) Any vessel operating exclusively on inland waters which are not navigable waters of the United States.

(2) Any vessel while laid up and dismantled and out of commission.

(3) With the exception of vessels of the U.S. Maritime Administration, any vessel with title vested in the United States and which is used for public purposes.

TABLE 24.05-1(a)

Method of propulsion	Size or other limitations ¹	Classes of vessels (including motorboats) examined or inspected under various Coast Guard regulations ¹					
		Vessels inspected and certificated under subchapter D—Tank Vessels ²	Vessels inspected and certificated under either subchapter H—Passenger Vessels ^{2,3,4,5} or subchapter T—Small Passenger Vessels ^{2,3,4}	Vessels inspected and certificated under subchapter I—Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels ^{2,3}	Vessels subject to provisions of subchapter C—Uninspected Vessels ^{2,3,5,6,7,8}	Vessels subject to provisions of subchapter U—Oceanographic Vessels ^{3,5,6,7,9}	Vessels subject to the provisions of subchapter O—Certain Bulk Dangerous Cargoes ¹⁰
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8
Steam	Vessels not over 65 feet in length.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk.	All vessels carrying more than 6 passengers. ⁷	All tugboats and towboats.	All vessels except those covered by columns 3, 4, 5, and 7.	None	All vessels carrying in bulk the cargoes listed in Table I of Pt. 153 and Table 4 of Pt. 154. ¹²
	Vessels over 65 feet in length.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk. ⁵	1. All vessels carrying more than 12 passengers on an international voyage, except yachts. 2. All vessels of not over 15 gross tons which carry more than 6 passengers. ⁷ 3. All other vessels carrying passengers, ⁷ except: a. Yachts. b. Documented cargo or tank vessels issued a permit to carry not more than 16 persons in addition to the crew.	All vessels except those covered by columns 3 and 4.	None	All vessels engaged in oceanographic research.	Do.

			c. Towing and fishing vessels, in other than ocean and coastwise service, may carry persons on the legitimate business of the vessel, in addition to crew, but not to exceed one for each net ton of the vessel.				
Motor	Vessels not over 15 gross tons.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk	All vessels carrying more than 6 passengers. ⁷	Those vessels carrying dangerous cargoes when required by 46 CFR part 98 or 49 CFR parts 171–179.	All vessels except those covered by columns 3, 4, 5, and 7.	None	Do.
	Vessels over 15 gross tons except seagoing motor vessels of 300 gross tons and over.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk. ⁵	<p>1. All vessels carrying more than 12 passengers on an international voyage, except yachts.</p> <p>2. All vessels not over 65 feet in length which carry more than 6 passengers.⁷</p>	All vessels carrying freight for hire except those covered by columns 3 and 4.	All vessels except those covered by columns 3, 4, 5, and 7.	None	Do.
			3. All other vessels of over 65 feet in length carrying passengers for hire except documented cargo or tank vessels issued a permit to carry not more than 16 persons in addition to the crew.				

TABLE 24.05-1(a)—Continued

Method of propulsion	Size or other limitations ¹	Classes of vessels (including motorboats) examined or inspected under various Coast Guard regulations ¹					
		Vessels inspected and certificated under subchapter D—Tank Vessels ²	Vessels inspected and certificated under either subchapter H—Passenger Vessels ^{2,3,4,5} or subchapter T—Small Passenger Vessels ^{2,3,4}	Vessels inspected and certificated under subchapter I—Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels ^{2,3}	Vessels subject to provisions of subchapter C—Uninspected Vessels ^{2,3,5,6,7,8}	Vessels subject to provisions of subchapter U—Oceanographic Vessels ^{3,5,6,7,9}	Vessels subject to the provisions of subchapter O—Certain Bulk Dangerous Cargoes ¹⁰
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8
	Seagoing motor vessels of 300 gross tons and over	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk. ⁵	1. All vessels carrying more than 12 passengers on an international voyage, except yachts 2. All other vessels carrying passengers, ⁷ except: a. Yachts. b. Documented cargo or tank vessels issued a permit to carry not more than 16 persons in addition to the crew.	All vessels except those covered by columns 3 and 4, and those engaged in the fishing, oystering, clamming, crabbing, or any other branch of the fishery, kelp, or sponge industry.	All vessels except those covered by columns 3, 4, 5, and 7.	All vessels engaged in oceanographic research.	None.
Sail	Vessels not over 700 gross tons.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk.	All vessels carrying more than 6 passengers. ⁷	Those vessels carrying dangerous cargoes when required by 46 CFR part 98 or 49 CFR parts 171–179.	All vessels carrying 6 or less passengers for hire. ¹²	None	All vessels carrying in bulk the cargoes listed in Table I of Pt. 153 and Table 4 of Pt. 154. ¹²

	Vessels over 700 gross tons.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk.	All vessels carrying passengers for hire.	Those vessels carrying dangerous cargoes when required by 46 CFR part 98 or 49 CFR parts 171-179.	None	None	Do.
Non-self-propelled	Vessels less than 100 gross tons.	All vessels carrying combustible or liquid cargo in bulk.	All vessels carrying more than 6 passengers. ⁷	Those vessels carrying dangerous cargoes when required by 49 CFR parts 171-179.	All barges carrying passengers except those covered by column 4.	None	All tank barges carrying in bulk the cargoes listed in Table 151.05 of this chapter. ^{11 12}
	Vessels 100 gross tons or over.	All vessels carrying combustible or flammable liquid cargo in bulk.	All vessels carrying passengers for hire.	All seagoing barges except those covered by columns 3 and 4; and those inland barges carrying dangerous cargoes when required by 49 CFR parts 171-179.	All barges carrying passengers except those covered by columns 4 and 7.	All seagoing barges engaged in oceanographic research.	

¹ Where length is used in this table it means the length measured from end to end over the deck, excluding sheer. This expression means a straight line measurement of the overall length from the foremost part of the vessel to the aftermost part of the vessel, measured parallel to the centerline.

² Subchapters E (Load Lines), F (Marine Engineering), J (Electrical Engineering), and N (Dangerous Cargoes) of this chapter may also be applicable under certain conditions. The provisions of 49 CFR parts 171-179 apply whenever hazardous materials are on board vessels (including motorboats), except when specifically exempted by law.

³ Public nautical schoolships, other than vessels of the Navy and Coast Guard, shall meet the requirements of part 167 of subchapter R (Nautical Schools) of this chapter. Civilian nautical schoolships, as defined by 46 U.S.C. 1331, shall meet the requirements of subchapter H (Passenger Vessels) and part 168 of subchapter R (Nautical Schools) of this chapter.

⁴ Subchapter H (Passenger Vessels) of this chapter covers only those vessels of 100 gross tons or more. Subchapter T (Small Passenger Vessels) of this chapter covers only those vessels of less than 100 gross tons.

⁵ Vessels covered by subchapter H (Passenger Vessels) or I (Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels) of this chapter, where the principal purpose or use of the vessel is not for the carriage of liquid cargo, may be granted a permit to carry a limited amount of flammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk. The portion of the vessel used for the carriage of the flammable or combustible liquid cargo shall meet the requirements of subchapter D (Tank Vessels) in addition to the requirements of subchapter H (Passenger Vessels) or I (Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels) of this chapter.

⁶ Any vessel on an international voyage is subject to the requirements of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

⁷ The meaning of the term *passenger* is as defined in the Act of May 10, 1956 (Sec. 1, 70, Stat. 151; 46 U.S.C. 300). On oceanographic vessels scientific personnel on board shall not be deemed to be passengers nor seamen, but for calculations of lifesaving equipment, etc., shall be counted as persons.

⁸ Boilers and machinery are subject to examination on vessels over 40 feet in length.

⁹ Under 46 U.S.C. 441 an *oceanographic research vessel* is a vessel " * * * being employed exclusively in instruction in oceanography or limnology, or both, or exclusively in oceanographic research, * * * ." Under 46 U.S.C. 443, "an oceanographic research vessel shall not be deemed to be engaged in trade or commerce." If or when an oceanographic vessel engages in trade or commerce, such vessel cannot operate under its certificate of inspection as an oceanographic vessel, but shall be inspected and certificated for the service in which engaged, and the scientific personnel aboard then become persons employed in the business of the vessel.

¹⁰ Bulk dangerous cargoes are cargoes specified in table 151.01-10(b), in table I of part 153, and in table 4 of part 154 of this chapter.

¹¹ For manned tank barges see § 151.01-10(e) of this chapter.

¹² Lifesaving device requirements of subpart 25.25 only.

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§ 24.05-5 Specific application noted in text.

(a) At the beginning of the various parts, subparts, and sections, a more specific application is generally given for the particular portion of the text involved. This application sets forth the types, sizes, or services of vessels to which the text pertains, and in many cases limits the application of the text to vessels contracted for before or after a specific date. As used in this subchapter, the term *vessels contracted for* includes not only the contracting for the construction of a vessel, but also the contracting for a material alteration to a vessel, the contracting for the conversion of a vessel to a passenger vessel, and the changing of service or route of a vessel if such change increases or modifies the general requirements for the vessel or increases the hazards to which it might be subjected.

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart 24.10—Definition of Terms Used in This subchapter

§ 24.10-1 Approved.

This term means approved by the Commandant unless otherwise stated.

§ 24.10-2 Barge.

This term means any vessel not equipped with means of self-propulsion.

[CGFR 68-32, 33 FR 5711, Apr. 12, 1968]

§ 24.10-3 Carrying passengers for hire.

The carriage of any person or persons by a vessel for a valuable consideration, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent or any other person interested in the vessel.

§ 24.10-5 Carrying freight for hire.

The carriage of any goods, wares, or merchandise or any other freight for a valuable consideration, whether directly or indirectly flowing to the owner, charterer, operator, agent, or any other person interested in the vessel.

§ 24.10-7 Commandant.

This term means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

§ 24.10-9 Coast Guard District Commander.

This term means an officer of the Coast Guard designated as such by the Commandant to command all Coast Guard activities within his district, which include the inspection, enforcement, and administration of Subtitle II, Title 46 U.S. Code, Title 46 and Title 33 U.S. Code, and regulations issued under these statutes.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16650, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51196, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 24.10-11 Headquarters.

This term means the Office of the Commandant, Washington, DC.

§ 24.10-13 International voyage.

(a) This section describes those voyages which are considered to be “international voyages” for the purposes of this subchapter.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the term *international voyage* as used in this subchapter shall have the same meaning as that contained in Regulation 2(d), chapter I of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, i.e., “*International voyage* means a voyage from a country to which the present convention applies to a port outside such country, or conversely.”

(c) The International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, does not apply to vessels “solely navigating the Great Lakes of North America and the River St. Lawrence as far east as a straight line drawn from Cap de Rosiers to West Point, Anticosti Island and, on the north side of Anticosti Island, the 63d Meridian.” Accordingly, such vessels shall not be considered as being on an *international voyage* for the purpose of this subchapter.

(d) In addition, although voyages between the continental United States and Hawaii or Alaska, and voyages between Hawaii and Alaska are not *international voyages* under the provisions of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, such voyages are similar in nature and shall be considered as *international voyages* for the purposes of this subchapter.

[CGD 90-008, 55 FR 30659, July 26, 1990]

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§ 24.10-15 Marine inspector or inspector.

These terms mean any person from the civilian or military branch of the Coast Guard assigned under the superintendence and direction of an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, or any other person as may be designated for the performance of duties with respect to the inspection, enforcement, and administration of Subtitle II, Title 46 U.S. Code, Title 46 and Title 33 U.S. Code, and regulations issued under these statutes.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16650, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51196, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 24.10-17 Motorboat.

(a) This term means any vessel indicated in column 6 of Table 24.05-1(a), 65 feet in length or less which is equipped with propulsion machinery (including steam). The length shall be measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer. This term includes a boat temporarily or permanently equipped with a detachable motor. For the purpose of this subchapter, motorboats are included under the term *vessel* unless specifically noted otherwise. The various length categories of motorboats are as follows:

Any motorboat less than 16 feet in length.

Any motorboat 16 feet or over and less than 26 feet in length.

Any motorboat 26 feet or over and less than 40 feet in length.

Any motorboat 40 feet or over and not more than 65 feet in length.

(b) The expression "length shall be measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer" means a straight line measurement of the overall length from the foremost part of the vessel to the aftermost part of the vessel, measured parallel to the centerline. Bow sprits, bumpkins, rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments, are not to be included in the measurement. Length shall be stated in feet and inches.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16650, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 69-18, 34 FR 5723, Mar. 27, 1969; CGD's 97-057, 95-028, 62 FR 51042, 51196, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 24.10-19 Motor vessel.

This term means any vessel more than 65 feet in length, which is propelled by machinery other than steam.

§ 24.10-20 Oceanographic research vessel.

An *oceanographic research vessel* is a vessel which the U.S. Coast Guard finds is employed exclusively in one or more of the following:

- (a) Oceanographic instruction;
- (b) Limnologic instruction;
- (c) Oceanographic research; or
- (d) Limnologic research.

[CGD 77-0811, 46 FR 56204, Nov. 16, 1981]

§ 24.10-21 Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

This term means any person from the civilian or military branch of the Coast Guard designated as such by the Commandant and who, under the superintendence and direction of the Coast Guard District Commander, is in charge of an inspection zone for the performance of duties with respect to the inspections, enforcement, and administration of Subtitle II, Title 46 U.S. Code, Title 46 and Title 33 U.S. Code, and regulations issued under these statutes.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16650, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51196, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 24.10-23 Passenger.

A passenger is every person, other than the master and the members of the crew or other persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board a vessel in the business of that vessel. In the case of a vessel on an international voyage a child under one year of age is not counted as a passenger.

§ 24.10-27 Vessel.

Where the word *vessel* is used in this subchapter, it shall be considered to include all vessels indicated in Column 6 of Table 24.05-1(a), except as otherwise noted in this subpart.

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Subpart 24.15—Equivalentents

§ 24.15-1 Conditions under which equivalentents may be used.

(a) Where in this subchapter it is provided that a particular fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a vessel, or that any particular provision shall be made or arrangement shall be adopted, the Commandant may accept in substitution therefor any other fitting, material, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or any other arrangement: *Provided*, That he shall have been satisfied by suitable trials that the fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or the provision or arrangement is at least as effective as that specified in this subchapter.

(b) In any case where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commandant that the use of any particular equipment, apparatus, or arrangement not specifically required by law is unreasonable or impracticable, the Commandant may permit the use of alternate equipment, apparatus, or arrangement to such an extent and upon such conditions as will insure to his satisfaction, a degree of safety consistent with the minimum standards set forth in this subchapter.

§ 24.15-5 Canadian pleasure craft temporarily using navigable waters of the United States.

Uninspected Canadian pleasure craft (uninspected vessels) temporarily using navigable waters of the United States may carry in lieu of the equipment required by this subchapter, the equipment as required by the laws of the Dominion of Canada and the regulations of the Department of Transport, Ottawa, Canada.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16650, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51196, Sept. 30, 1997]

Subpart 24.20—General Marine Engineering Requirements

§ 24.20-1 Marine engineering details.

(a) All marine engineering details relative to the design, construction, and testing of boilers and machinery

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on steam-propelled motorboats of over 40 feet in length will be found in subchapter F (Marine Engineering) of this chapter.

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