

Subpart 105.15—Inspection Required

§ 105.15-1 General.

(a) Before a commercial fishing vessel may be used to transport combustible or flammable liquids in bulk in limited quantities for the purpose of dispensing those liquids, the vessel shall be inspected by the Coast Guard to determine that the vessel is in substantial compliance with the requirements in this part.

(b) A vessel with permanently installed cargo tanks shall be inspected biennially, or more frequently if necessary, by the Coast Guard to determine that the vessel is maintained in substantial compliance with the requirements in this part.

(c) A vessel with temporarily installed cargo tanks or containers shall be inspected annually, or more frequently if necessary, by the Coast Guard.

(d) Vessels while laid up or dismantled or out of commission are exempt from any or all inspections required by law or regulations in this part.

§ 105.15-5 Authority of marine inspectors.

(a) Marine inspectors may at any time lawfully inspect any vessel subject to the requirements in this part.

§ 105.15-10 Application for inspection.

(a) Prior to the commencement of the construction of a new vessel, or a conversion of a vessel to a commercial fishing vessel, intended for transporting combustible or flammable liquids in bulk in limited quantities for the purpose of dispensing those liquids, the owners, master, or agent shall submit an application for inspection and a letter of compliance to an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, at any Marine Inspection Office, U.S. Coast Guard.

(b) Application for inspection and renewal of letter of compliance of a vessel shall be made in writing by the master, owner, or agent to an Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, at any Marine Inspection Office, U.S. Coast Guard.

(c) The application for inspection and letter of compliance shall be on Form

CG-3752 or in letter form and set forth the following information:

- (1) Vessel's name;
- (2) Nature of employment and route or areas in which to be operated;
- (3) Date and place where the vessel may be inspected;
- (4) Date and place where the vessel was last inspected (if inspected); and,
- (5) That application for inspection has not been made to any other Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

§ 105.15-15 Letter of compliance.

(a) When a vessel has been inspected and found to be in substantial compliance with the requirements of this part, a "letter of compliance" shall be issued to the vessel by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(b) The letter of compliance shall permit the presence on board of liquid flammable or combustible cargoes in bulk, and describe the conditions governing the transportation and dispensing of such cargoes.

(c) The letter of compliance shall state the maximum amount of liquid flammable or combustible cargo in bulk to be carried on board.

(d) The letter of compliance shall be limited to a period of validity which shall not exceed 2 years. For cause, the letter of compliance may be suspended or revoked as authorized by law or regulations in this chapter.

§ 105.15-20 Exhibition of letter of compliance.

(a) On every vessel subject to this part, the original letter of compliance shall be framed under glass or other suitable transparent material and posted in a conspicuous place protected from the weather.

Subpart 105.20—Specific Requirements—Cargo Tanks

§ 105.20-1 Plans and/or sketches.

(a) The owners, master, or agent of a commercial fishing vessel shall submit with his application for the initial inspection a brief description and the plans and/or sketches of the cargo tanks and piping systems for filling and dispensing cargo; dimensions and identifications of material shall be included.