Office of the Secretary of Transportation

§ 1.65 Authority to classify information.

(a) E.O. 12356 confers upon the Secretary of Transportation authority to originally classify information as Secret and Confidential with further authorization to delegate this authority. (No official of the Department of Transportation has authority to originally classify information as Top Secret.)

(b) The following delegations of this authority, which may not be redelegated, are hereby made:

(1) Office of the Secretary (OST). Chief, Security Staff.

(2) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Administrator; Director of Civil Aviation Security.

(3) Maritime Administration (MARAD). The Administrator; Associate Administrator for Policy and Administration (Confidential only); Director, Office of International Activities (Confidential only); Chief, Division of National Security Plans (Confidential only).

(c) Authority to originally classify information as Secret or Confidential is delegated to the following officials to become effective automatically upon declaration of civil readiness level Initial Alert or the comparable military readiness level. If invoked, this authority is automatically terminated when both civil and military levels return to the level of Communications Watch or comparable readiness state.

(1) OST. Deputy Secretary; Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy; Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs; Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(2) FAA. Deputy Administrator; Directors, FAA Regions and Centers.

(3) MARAD. Deputy Administrator; Region Directors; Heads of ALFA, BRAVO, and CHARLIE Emergency Teams when activated.

(d) Although the delegations of authority are expressed above in terms of positions, the authority is personal and is vested only in the individual occupying the position. The authority may not be exercised “by direction of” a designated official. The formal appointment or assignment of an individual to one of the identified positions, a designation in writing of an individual to act in the absence of one of these officials, or the exercise by an individual of the powers of one of these officials by operation of law, however, conveys the authority to originally classify information.

(e) Previous delegations of authority to Department of Transportation officials to originally classify information
as Secret and Confidential are hereby rescinded.


§ 1.66 Delegations to Maritime Administrator.

With the exception of those authorities delegated to the Maritime Subsidy Board in §1.67 of this title, the Maritime Administrator is delegated authority to:

(a) Carry out sections 9, 12, 14a, 21a, 37, 38, 40, 41, and 42 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 801 et seq.);


(c) Carry out the Merchant Marine Act, 1928, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 891 et seq.);

(d) Carry out section 7 of the Intercoastal Shipping Act, 1933, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 843 et seq.);

(e) Carry out the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 1101 et seq.; except the authority delegated to the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration relating to the establishment of capital construction fund agreements under section 607 thereof and the granting of financing guarantees under title XI thereof, with respect to vessels in the fishing trade or industry;

(f) Carry out the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 1735 et seq.);

(g) Carry out the Suits in Admiralty Act (1920), as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 1331 et seq.);

(h) Carry out the Civilian Nautical School Act, 1940 (46 App. U.S.C. 1331 et seq.);


(j) Carry out the Act of August 9, 1954 (50 U.S.C. 196 et seq.) commonly called the Emergency Foreign Vessels Acquisition Act;


(l) Carry out the Maritime Academy Act of 1958, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

(m) Carry out the Act of May 16, 1972, as amended (86 Stat. 140) authorizing sale or purchase of certain passenger vessels;

(n) Carry out the Act of August 22, 1972 (86 Stat. 618) authorizing sale of Liberty ships for use as artificial reefs;

(o) Carry out section 717 of the Act of October 26, 1972 (86 Stat. 1184) commonly known as the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1973, and similar subsequent enactments, with respect to transferring or otherwise making available vessels under the jurisdiction of the Maritime Administration to another Federal agency or, similarly, accepting vessels from another Federal agency;


(q) Exercise the authority vested in the Administrator of General Services by the Act of June 1, 1948, Public Law 80–566, 62 Stat. 281, 40 U.S.C. 318–318c and the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, 63 Stat. 377, and delegated to the Secretary of Transportation by the Administrator of General Services on March 23, 2000, relating to the enforcement of laws for the protection of property and persons at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, located in Kings Point, New York. This may be accomplished through appointment of uniformed personnel as special police, establishment of rules and regulations governing conduct on the affected property, and execution of agreements with other Federal, State, or local authorities.

(r) Carry out the responsibilities of the National Shipping Authority (initially established by the Secretary of Commerce effective March 13, 1951) in the capacity of Director, National Shipping Authority;


(t) Carry out all other activities previously vested in the Secretary of Commerce and transferred pursuant to Public Law 97–31;