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(7) A copy of the vessel's plans or an accurate scale drawing that clearly shows:

- (i) The required installation of the equipment under the 72 COLREGS,
- (ii) The proposed installation of the equipment for which certification is being sought, and
- (iii) Any obstructions that may interfere with the equipment when installed in:
  - (A) The required location; and
  - (B) The proposed location.

(b) The Coast Guard may request from the applicant additional information concerning the application.

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### § 81.9 Certificate of Alternative Compliance: Contents.

The Chief of the Marine Safety Division issues the Certificate of Alternative Compliance to the vessel based on a determination that it cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with its special function. This Certificate includes—

- (a) Identification of the vessel as supplied in the application under § 81.5(a)(2);
- (b) The provision of the 72 COLREGS for which the Certificate authorizes alternative compliance;
- (c) A certification that the vessel is unable to comply fully with the 72 COLREGS lights, shape, and sound signal requirements without interference with its special function;
- (d) A statement of why full compliance would interfere with the special function of the vessel;
- (e) The required alternative installation;
- (f) A statement that the required alternative installation is in the closest possible compliance with the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the special function of the vessel;
- (g) The date of issuance;
- (h) A statement that the Certificate of Alternative Compliance terminates when the vessel ceases to be usually

engaged in the operation for which the certificate is issued.

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### § 81.17 Certificate of Alternative Compliance: Termination.

The Certificate of Alternative Compliance terminates if the information supplied under § 81.5(a) or the Certificate issued under § 81.9 is no longer applicable to the vessel.

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### § 81.18 Notice and record of certification of vessels of special construction or purpose.

(a) In accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1605(c), a notice is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER of the following:

- (1) Each Certificate of Alternative Compliance issued under § 81.9; and
- (2) Each Coast Guard vessel determined by the Commandant to be a vessel of special construction or purpose.

(b) Copies of Certificate of Alternative Compliance and documentation concerning Coast Guard vessels are available for inspection at Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, (CG–5), 2100 2nd St., SW., Stop 7355, Washington, DC 20593–7355.

(c) The owner or operator of a vessel issued a Certificate shall ensure that the vessel does not operate unless the Certificate of Alternative Compliance or a certified copy of that Certificate is on board the vessel and available for inspection by Coast Guard personnel.

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## EXEMPTIONS

### § 81.20 Lights and sound signal appliances.

Each vessel under the 72 COLREGS, except the vessels of the Navy, is exempt from the requirements of the 72 COLREGS to the limitation for the period of time stated in Rule 38 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) if:

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(a) Her keel is laid or is at a corresponding stage of construction before July 15, 1977; and

(b) She meets the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1960 (77 Stat. 194, 33 U.S.C. 1051–1094).

[CGD 76–133, 42 FR 35792, July 11, 1977. Redesignated at CGD 81–017, 46 FR 28154, May 26, 1981]

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#### § 82.1 Purpose.

This part contains the interpretative rules concerning the 72 COLREGS that are adopted by the Coast Guard for the guidance of the public.

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#### § 82.3 Pushing vessel and vessel being pushed: Composite unit.

Rule 24(b) of the 72 COLREGS states that when a pushing vessel and a vessel being pushed ahead are rigidly con-

nected in a composite unit, they are regarded as a power-driven vessel and must exhibit the lights under Rule 23. A “composite unit” is interpreted to be a pushing vessel that is rigidly connected by mechanical means to a vessel being pushed so they react to sea and swell as one vessel. “Mechanical means” does not include the following:

- (a) Lines.
- (b) Hawsers.
- (c) Wires.
- (d) Chains.

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#### § 82.5 Lights for moored vessels.

For the purposes of Rule 30 of the 72 COLREGS, a *vessel at anchor* includes a barge made fast to one or more mooring buoys or other similar device attached to the sea or river floor. Such a barge may be lighted as a vessel at anchor in accordance with Rule 30, or may be lighted on the corners in accordance with 33 CFR 88.13.

[CGD 94–011, 63 FR 5731, Feb. 4, 1998]

#### § 82.7 Sidelights for unmanned barges.

An unmanned barge being towed may use the exception of COLREGS Rule 24(h). However, this exception only applies to the vertical sector requirements.

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