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**PART 27—ADJUSTMENT OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES FOR INFLATION**

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**§ 27.3 Penalty Adjustment Table.**

Table 1 identifies the statutes administered by the Coast Guard that authorize a civil monetary penalty. The “adjusted maximum penalty” is the maximum penalty authorized by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended, as determined by the Coast Guard.

TABLE 1—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS

U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2012 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
14 U.S.C. 88(c)	Saving Life and Property	8,000
14 U.S.C. 645(i)	Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records (first offense)	4,000
14 U.S.C. 645(i)	Confidentiality of Medical Quality Assurance Records (subsequent offenses)	30,000
16 U.S.C. 4711(g)(1)	Aquatic Nuisance Species in Waters of the United States	35,000
19 U.S.C. 70	Obstruction of Revenue Officers by Masters of Vessels	3,000
19 U.S.C. 70	Obstruction of Revenue Officers by Masters of Vessels—Minimum Penalty	700
19 U.S.C. 1581(d)	Failure to Stop Vessel When Directed; Master, Owner, Operator or Person in Charge <sup>1</sup>	5,000
19 U.S.C. 1581(d)	Failure to Stop Vessel When Directed; Master, Owner, Operator or Person in Charge—Minimum Penalty <sup>1</sup>	1,000
33 U.S.C. 471	Anchorage Ground/Harbor Regulations General	110
33 U.S.C. 474	Anchorage Ground/Harbor Regulations St. Mary's River	300
33 U.S.C. 495(b)	Bridges/Failure to Comply with Regulations <sup>2</sup>	25,000
33 U.S.C. 499(c)	Bridges/Drawbridges <sup>2</sup>	25,000
33 U.S.C. 502(c)	Bridges/Failure to Alter Bridge Obstructing Navigation <sup>2</sup>	25,000
33 U.S.C. 533(b)	Bridges/Maintenance and Operation	25,000
33 U.S.C. 1208(a)	Bridge to Bridge Communication; Master, Person in Charge or Pilot	800
33 U.S.C. 1208(b)	Bridge to Bridge Communication; Vessel	800
33 U.S.C. 1232(a)	PWSA Regulations	40,000
33 U.S.C. 1236(b)	Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Unlicensed Person in Charge	8,000
33 U.S.C. 1236(c)	Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Owner Onboard Vessel	8,000
33 U.S.C. 1236(d)	Vessel Navigation: Regattas or Marine Parades; Other Persons	3,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(i)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class I per violation)	15,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(i)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class I total under paragraph)	40,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class II per day of violation)	15,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (Class II total under paragraph)	190,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(A)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (per day of violation) Judicial Assessment	40,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(A)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges (per barrel of oil or unit discharged) Judicial Assessment	1,100
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(B)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Failure to Carry Out Removal/Comply With Order (Judicial Assessment)	40,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(C)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Failure to Comply with Regulation Issued Under 1321(j) (Judicial Assessment)	40,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(D)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges, Gross Negligence (per barrel of oil or unit discharged) Judicial Assessment	4,000
33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(7)(D)	Oil/Hazardous Substances: Discharges, Gross Negligence—Minimum Penalty (Judicial Assessment)	130,000
33 U.S.C. 1322(j)	Marine Sanitation Devices; Operating	3,000
33 U.S.C. 1322(j)	Marine Sanitation Devices; Sale or Manufacture	8,000
33 U.S.C. 1608(a)	International Navigation Rules; Operator	8,000
33 U.S.C. 1608(b)	International Navigation Rules; Vessel	8,000
33 U.S.C. 1908(b)(1)	Pollution from Ships; General	40,000
33 U.S.C. 1908(b)(2)	Pollution from Ships; False Statement	8,000
33 U.S.C. 2072(a)	Inland Navigation Rules; Operator	8,000

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U.S. Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	2012 Adjusted maximum penalty amount (\$)
33 U.S.C. 2072(b)	Inland Navigation Rules; Vessel	8,000
33 U.S.C. 2609(a)	Shore Protection; General	40,000
33 U.S.C. 2609(b)	Shore Protection; Operating Without Permit	15,000
33 U.S.C. 2716(a)	Oil Pollution Liability and Compensation	40,000
33 U.S.C. 3852(a)(1)(A)	Clean Hulls; Civil Enforcement	37,500
33 U.S.C. 3852(a)(1)(B)	Clean Hulls; Civil Enforcement	50,000
42 U.S.C. 9609(a)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class I)	35,000
42 U.S.C. 9609(b)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class II)	35,000
42 U.S.C. 9609(b)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Class II subsequent offense)	100,000
42 U.S.C. 9609(c)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Judicial Assessment)	35,000
42 U.S.C. 9609(c)	Hazardous Substances, Releases, Liability, Compensation (Judicial Assessment subsequent offense)	100,000
46 U.S.C. App 1505(a)(2)	Safe Containers for International Cargo	8,000
46 U.S.C. App 1712(a)	International Ocean Commerce Transportation—Common Carrier Agreements per violation.	6,000
46 U.S.C. App 1712(a)	International Ocean Commerce Transportation—Common Carrier Agreements per violation—Willfull violation.	30,000
46 U.S.C. App 1712(b)	International Ocean Commerce Transportation—Common Carrier Agreements—Fine for tariff violation (per shipment).	60,000
46 U.S.C. App 1805(c)(2)	Suspension of Passenger Service	70,000
46 U.S.C. 2110(e)	Vessel Inspection or Examination Fees	8,000
46 U.S.C. 2115	Alcohol and Dangerous Drug Testing	7,000
46 U.S.C. 2302(a)	Negligent Operations: Recreational Vessels	6,000
46 U.S.C. 2302(a)	Negligent Operations: Other Vessels	30,000
46 U.S.C. 2302(c)(1)	Operating a Vessel While Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Dangerous Drug.	7,000
46 U.S.C. 2306(a)(4)	Vessel Reporting Requirements: Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, or Agent.	8,000
46 U.S.C. 2306(b)(2)	Vessel Reporting Requirements: Master	1,100
46 U.S.C. 3102(c)(1)	Immersion Suits	8,000
46 U.S.C. 3302(i)(5)	Inspection Permit	1,100
46 U.S.C. 3318(a)	Vessel Inspection; General	8,000
46 U.S.C. 3318(g)	Vessel Inspection; Nautical School Vessel	8,000
46 U.S.C. 3318(h)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Give Notice IAW 3304(b)	1,100
46 U.S.C. 3318(i)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Give Notice IAW 3309(c)	1,100
46 U.S.C. 3318(j)(1)	Vessel Inspection; Vessel ≥1600 Gross Tons	15,000
46 U.S.C. 3318(j)(1)	Vessel Inspection; Vessel <1600 Gross Tons	3,000
46 U.S.C. 3318(k)	Vessel Inspection; Failure to Comply with 3311(b)	15,000
46 U.S.C. 3318(l)	Vessel Inspection; Violation of 3318(b)–3318(f)	8,000
46 U.S.C. 3502(e)	List/count of Passengers	110
46 U.S.C. 3504(c)	Notification to Passengers	15,000
46 U.S.C. 3504(c)	Notification to Passengers; Sale of Tickets	800
46 U.S.C. 3506	Copies of Laws on Passenger Vessels; Master	300
46 U.S.C. 3718(a)(1)	Liquid Bulk/Dangerous Cargo	40,000
46 U.S.C. 4106	Uninspected Vessels	8,000
46 U.S.C. 4311(b)(1)	Recreational Vessels (maximum for related series of violations)	300,000
46 U.S.C. 4311(b)(1)	Recreational Vessels; Violation of 4307(a)	6,000
46 U.S.C. 4311(c)	Recreational vessels	1,100
46 U.S.C. 4507	Uninspected Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels	8,000
46 U.S.C. 4703	Abandonment of Barges	1,100
46 U.S.C. 5116(a)	Load Lines	8,000
46 U.S.C. 5116(b)	Load Lines; Violation of 5112(a)	15,000
46 U.S.C. 5116(c)	Load Lines; Violation of 5112(b)	8,000
46 U.S.C. 6103(a)	Reporting Marine Casualties	35,000
46 U.S.C. 6103(b)	Reporting Marine Casualties; Violation of 6104	8,000
46 U.S.C. 8101(e)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Failure to Report Deficiency in Vessel Complement.	1,100
46 U.S.C. 8101(f)	Manning of Inspected Vessels	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8101(g)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Employing or Serving in Capacity not Licensed by USCG.	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8101(h)	Manning of Inspected Vessels; Freight Vessel <100 GT, Small Passenger Vessel, or Sailing School Vessel.	1,100
46 U.S.C. 8102(a)	Watchmen on Passenger Vessels	1,100
46 U.S.C. 8103(f)	Citizenship Requirements	800
46 U.S.C. 8104(i)	Watches on Vessels; Violation of 8104(a) or (b)	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8104(j)	Watches on Vessels; Violation of 8104(c), (d), (e), or (h)	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8302(e)	Staff Department on Vessels	110
46 U.S.C. 8304(d)	Officer's Competency Certificates	110

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46 U.S.C. 8502(e)	Coastwise Pilotage; Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, Agent, Master or Individual in Charge.	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8502(f)	Coastwise Pilotage; Individual	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8503	Federal Pilots	40,000
46 U.S.C. 8701(d)	Merchant Mariners Documents	800
46 U.S.C. 8702(e)	Crew Requirements	15,000
46 U.S.C. 8906	Small Vessel Manning	35,000
46 U.S.C. 9308(a)	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Owner, Charterer, Managing Operator, Agent, Master or Individual in Charge.	15,000
46 U.S.C. 9308(b)	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Individual	15,000
46 U.S.C. 9308(c)	Pilotage: Great Lakes; Violation of 9303	15,000
46 U.S.C. 10104(b)	Failure to Report Sexual Offense	8,000
46 U.S.C. 10314(a)(2)	Pay Advances to Seamen	800
46 U.S.C. 10314(b)	Pay Advances to Seamen; Remuneration for Employment	800
46 U.S.C. 10315(c)	Allotment to Seamen	800
46 U.S.C. 10321	Seamen Protection; General	7,000
46 U.S.C. 10505(a)(2)	Coastwise Voyages; Advances	7,000
46 U.S.C. 10505(b)	Coastwise Voyages; Advances; Remuneration for Employment	7,000
46 U.S.C. 10508(b)	Coastwise Voyages; Seamen Protection; General	7,000
46 U.S.C. 10711	Effects of Deceased Seamen	300
46 U.S.C. 10902(a)(2)	Complaints of Unfitness	800
46 U.S.C. 10903(d)	Proceedings on Examination of Vessel	110
46 U.S.C. 10907(b)	Permission to Make Complaint	800
46 U.S.C. 11101(f)	Accommodations for Seamen	800
46 U.S.C. 11102(b)	Medicine Chests on Vessels	800
46 U.S.C. 11104(b)	Destitute Seamen	110
46 U.S.C. 11105(c)	Wages on Discharge	800
46 U.S.C. 11303(a)	Log Books; Master Failing to Maintain	300
46 U.S.C. 11303(b)	Log Books; Master Failing to Make Entry	300
46 U.S.C. 11303(c)	Log Books; Late Entry	200
46 U.S.C. 11506	Carrying of Sheath Knives	80
46 U.S.C. 12151(a)	Documentation of Vessels (violation per day)	15,000
46 U.S.C. 12151(c)	Engaging in Fishing After Falsifying Eligibility (fine per day)	130,000
46 U.S.C. 12309(a)	Numbering of Undocumented Vessels—Willfull violation	6,000
46 U.S.C. 12309(b)	Numbering of Undocumented Vessels	1,100
46 U.S.C. 12507(b)	Vessel Identification System	15,000
46 U.S.C. 14701	Measurement of Vessels	30,000
46 U.S.C. 14702	Measurement; False Statements	30,000
46 U.S.C. 31309	Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens	15,000
46 U.S.C. 31330(a)(2)	Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens; Mortgagor	15,000
46 U.S.C. 31330(b)(2)	Commercial Instruments and Maritime Liens; Violation of 31329	35,000
46 U.S.C. 70119	Port Security	30,000
46 U.S.C. 70119(b)	Port Security—Continuing Violations	50,000
46 U.S.C. 70506	Maritime Drug Law Enforcement; Penalties	5,000
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Maximum Penalty	60,000
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(1)	Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Minimum Penalty	300
49 U.S.C. 5123(a)(2)	Hazardous Materials: Related to Vessels—Penalty from Fatalities, Serious Injuries/Illness or substantial Damage to Property.	110,000

**Note:** The changes in Civil Penalties for calendar year 2012, shown above, are based on the change in CPI-U from June 2009 to June 2010. The recorded change in CPI-U during that period was 1.05%. Because of the small change in CPI-U and the required rules for rounding, there was no change to any of the maximum penalty amounts from the previous adjustment.

<sup>1</sup> Enacted under the Tariff Act of 1930, exempt from inflation adjustments.

<sup>2</sup> These penalties increased in accordance with the statute to \$10,000 in 2005, \$15,000 in 2006, \$20,000 in 2007, and \$25,000 in 2008 and thereafter.

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