

thereto, including any modification or amendments to the Convention, Protocols or Annexes which have entered into force for the United States.

*Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI)* 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 a Coast Guard District Commander, is in charge of an inspection zone for the performance of duties with respect to the inspection, enforcement, and administration of 46 U.S.C., Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, and rules and regulations thereunder.

*Recognized Classification Society* means the American Bureau of Shipping or other classification society recognized by the Commandant under this part.

*SOLAS* means International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

#### § 8.110 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this subchapter with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of the change in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the material must be available to the public. All material is available for inspection at the Commandant (CG-ENG), Attn: Office of Design and Engineering Systems, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593-7509, or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal\\_regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html). All material is available from the sources listed in paragraph (b).

(b) The material incorporated by reference in this subchapter and the sections affected are as follows:

*American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)—ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060.*

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels, 1996—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels, 1997—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels, 1998—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 1998—107.205(b)

U. S. Supplement to ABS Rules for Steel Vessels for Vessels on International Voyages, 21 October 1996—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

U.S. Supplement to ABS Rules for Steel Vessels for Vessels on International Voyages, 1 August 1997—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

U.S. Supplement to ABS Rules for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 1 June 1998—107.205(b)

*American National Standards Institute (ANSI)—11 West 42nd St., New York, NY 10036.*

ANSI/ASQC Q9001—1994, Quality Assurance in Design, Development, Production and Servicing, 1994—8.230

*Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR)—100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3BP.*

Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Ships, 1998—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)

*Lloyd's Register of Shipping Supplemental Requirements, 19 September 1998—31.01-3(b), 71.15-5(b), 91.15-5(b)*

[CGD 95-010, 62 FR 67532, Dec. 24, 1997, as amended by USCG-1999-5004, 64 FR 30439, June 8, 1999; USCG-2000-7790, 65 FR 58458, Sept. 29, 2000; USCG-2013-0671, 78 FR 60145, Sept. 30, 2013]

#### § 8.120 Reciprocity.

(a) The Commandant may delegate authority to a classification society that has its headquarters in a country other than the United States only to the extent that the flag state administration of that country delegates authority and provides access to the American Bureau of Shipping to inspect, certify and provide related services to vessels flagged by that country. The Commandant will determine reciprocity on a “case-by-case” basis.

(b) In order to demonstrate that the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section are satisfied, a classification society must provide to the Coast Guard an affidavit, from the government of the country that the classification society is headquartered in, listing the authorities delegated by the flag state administration of that country to the American Bureau of Shipping, and indicating any conditions related to the delegated authority.

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(c) The Commandant will not consider an application for authorization to perform a delegated function submitted under this part until the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section are satisfied. Where simultaneous authorization by a foreign government for ABS is involved, this requirement may be waived.

(d) The Commandant will not evaluate a classification society for recognition until the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section are satisfied for at least one of the authorized delegations being sought. Where simultaneous recognition by a foreign government for ABS is involved, this requirement may be waived.

(e) The Commandant may make a delegation regarding load lines under 46 U.S.C. 5107 or measurement of vessels under 46 U.S.C. 14103 without regard to the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this section.

### § 8.130 Agreement conditions.

(a) Delegated functions performed by, and statutory certificates issued by, an authorized classification society will be accepted as functions performed by, or certificates issued by, the Coast Guard, provided that the classification society maintains compliance with all provisions of its agreement with the Commandant. Any agreement between the Commandant and a recognized classification society authorizing the performance of delegated functions will be written and will require the classification society to comply with each of the following:

(1) Issue any certificates related to a delegated function in the English language.

(2) Maintain a corporate office in the United States that has adequate resources and staff to support all delegated functions and to maintain required associated records.

(3) Maintain all records in the United States related to delegated functions conducted on behalf of the Coast Guard.

(4) Make available to appropriate Coast Guard representatives vessel status information and records, including outstanding vessel deficiencies or classification society recommendations, in the English language, on all vessels for

which the classification society has performed any delegated function on behalf of the Coast Guard.

(5) Report to the Commandant (CG–CVC) the names and official numbers of any vessels removed from class for which the classification society has performed any delegated function on behalf of the Coast Guard and include a description of the reason for the removal.

(6) Report to the Commandant (CG–CVC) all port state detentions on all vessels for which the classification society has performed any delegated function on behalf of the Coast Guard when aware of such detention.

(7) Annually provide the Commandant (CG–CVC) with its register of classed vessels.

(8) Ensure vessels meet all requirements for class of the accepting classification society prior to accepting vessels transferred from another classification society.

(9) Suspend class for vessels that are overdue for special renewal or annual survey.

(10) Attend any vessel for which the classification society has performed any delegated function on behalf of the Coast Guard at the request of the appropriate Coast Guard officials, without regard to the vessel's location—unless prohibited to do so under the laws of the United States, the laws of the jurisdiction in which the vessel is located, the classification society's home country domestic law, or where the classification society considers an unacceptable hazard to life and/or property exists.

(11) Honor appeal decisions made by the Commandant (CG–ENG) or Commandant (CG–CVC) on issues related to delegated functions.

(12) Apply U.S. flag administration interpretations, when they exist, to international conventions for which the classification society has been delegated authority to certificate or perform other functions on behalf of the Coast Guard.

(13) Obtain approval from the Commandant (CG–CVC) prior to granting exemptions from the requirements of international conventions, class rules, and the U.S. supplement to class rules.