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self-propulsion and is required to be towed.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16970, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51206, Sept. 30, 1997]

### § 90.10-37 Vessel.

Where the word *vessel* is used in this subchapter, it shall be considered to include all vessels indicated in Column 5 of Table 90.05-1(a), except as otherwise noted in this subpart.

### § 90.10-38 Specially suitable for vehicles.

A space which is *specially suitable for vehicles* is one designed for the carriage of automobiles or other self-propelled vehicles with batteries connected and fuel tanks containing gasoline on vessels on ocean or unlimited coastwise voyages. Requirements for the design and protection of spaces "specially suitable for vehicles" appear in subparts 92.15, 95.05, 95.15, 96.05, 97.36, 97.37, and 97.80 of this subchapter. In addition, preparation of automobiles prior to carriage, with the exception of disconnecting battery cables, must be in accordance with the applicable provisions of 49 CFR 176.905.

[CGFR 66-33, 31 FR 15284, Dec. 5, 1966, as amended by CGD 86-033, 53 FR 36025, Sept. 16, 1988]

### § 90.10-40 Offshore supply vessels.

(a) An offshore supply vessel is a vessel that is propelled by machinery other than steam, that is of 15 gross tons and less than 500 gross tons (as measured under the Standard, Dual, or Simplified Measurement System under part 69, subpart C, D, or E, of this chapter) or is less than 6,000 gross tons (as measured under the Convention Measurement System under part 69, subpart B, of this chapter) and that regularly carries goods, supplies or equipment in support of exploration, exploitation, or production of offshore mineral or energy resources.

(b) An existing offshore supply vessel is one contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, before March 15, 1996.

(c) A new offshore supply vessel is one—

(1) That was contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, on or after March 15, 1996; or

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(2) That underwent a major conversion initiated on or after March 15, 1996.

[CGD 82-004 and CGD 86-074, 62 FR 49321, Sept. 19, 1997]

### § 90.10-42 Tankerman.

The following ratings are established in part 13 of this chapter. The terms for the ratings identify persons holding valid merchant mariners' documents for service in the ratings issued under that part:

- (a) Tankerman-PIC.
- (b) Tankerman-PIC (Barge).
- (c) Restricted Tankerman-PIC.
- (d) Restricted Tankerman-PIC (Barge)
- (e) Tankerman-Assistant.
- (f) Tankerman-Engineer.

[CGD 79-116, 60 FR 17157, Apr. 4, 1995]

## Subpart 90.15—Equivalentents

### § 90.15-1 Conditions under which equivalentents may be used.

(a) Where in this subchapter it is provided that a particular fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a vessel, or that any particular provision shall be made or arrangement shall be adopted, the Commandant may accept in substitution therefor any other fitting, material, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or any other arrangement: *Provided*, That he shall have been satisfied by suitable trials that the fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or the provision or arrangement is at least as effective as that specified in this subchapter.

(b) In any case where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commandant that the use of any particular equipment, apparatus, or arrangement not specifically required by law is unreasonable or impracticable, the Commandant may permit the use of alternate equipment, apparatus, or arrangement to such an extent and upon such conditions as will insure, to his satisfaction, a degree of safety consistent with the minimum standards set forth in this subchapter.