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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.


§ 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 or more, 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 that is—

(1) Of at least 15 GRT but less than 500 GRT (6,000 GT ITC if GRT is not assigned) as defined in §125.160 of this chapter, contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, before March 15, 1996; or

(2) Of at least 6,000 GT ITC (500 GRT if GT ITC is not assigned) as defined in §125.160 of this chapter, contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, before August 18, 2014.

(c) A new offshore supply vessel is one—

(1) That is of at least 15 GRT but less than 500 GRT (6,000 GT ITC if GRT is not assigned) as defined in §125.160 of this chapter, and was contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, on or after March 15, 1996; or

(2) That is of at least 6,000 GT ITC (500 GRT if GT ITC is not assigned) as defined in §125.160 of this chapter, and was contracted for, or the keel of which was laid, on or after August 18, 2014; or

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


§ 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—Equivalents

§ 90.15–1 Conditions under which equivalents 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 any other 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.

Subpart 90.20—General Marine Engineering Requirements

§ 90.20–1 Marine engineering details.

(a) All marine engineering details such as piping, valves, fittings, boilers,
pressure vessels, etc., and their appurtenances installed on the vessel, shall be designed, constructed, and installed in accordance with the provisions of subchapter F (Marine Engineering) of this chapter.

Subpart 90.25—General Electrical Engineering Requirements

§ 90.25–1 Electrical engineering details.

(a) All electrical engineering details and installations shall be designed and installed in accordance with subchapter J (Electrical Engineering) of this chapter.

Subpart 90.27—Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements

§ 90.27–1 Lifesaving appliances and arrangements.

All lifesaving appliances and arrangements must be in accordance with subchapter W (Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements) of this chapter.

Subpart 90.35—American Bureau of Shipping’s Standards

§ 90.35–1 Standards to be used.

(a) Where in this subchapter an item, or method of construction, or testing is required to meet the standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping, the current standards in effect at the time of construction of the vessel, or otherwise as applicable, shall be used. The current standards of other recognized classification societies may also be accepted upon approval by the Commandant.

§ 90.35–5 Where obtainable.

The standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping are usually published annually and may be purchased from the American Bureau of Shipping, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060. These standards may also be examined at Coast Guard Headquarters. Contact Commandant (CG–5PS), Attn: Director of Commercial Regulations, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593–7509. The standards are also available at the Office of any Coast Guard District Commander or Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.