

award costs of litigation (including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees) to any party including the Federal Government.

(e) Federal intervention

In any action brought under this section, if the Secretary or Attorney General are not parties of record, the United States, through the Attorney General, shall have the right to intervene.

(Pub. L. 96-478, §11, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2302.)

§ 1911. Authority of Secretary under port and tanker safety program unaffected

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as limiting, diminishing, or otherwise restricting any of the authority of the Secretary under the Port and Tanker Safety Act of 1978.

(Pub. L. 96-478, §15, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2303.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Port and Tanker Safety Act of 1978, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 95-474, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1471, which enacted sections 1225, 1228 to 1231, and 1232 of this title, amended sections 1221 to 1224, 1226, and 1227 of this title, and sections 214 and 391a of former Title 46, Shipping, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1221 and 1224 of this title and section 391a of Title 46. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1221 of this title and Tables.

§ 1912. International law

Any action taken under this chapter shall be taken in accordance with international law.

(Pub. L. 96-478, §17, as added Pub. L. 100-220, title II, §2108, Dec. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 1464.)

CHAPTER 34—INLAND NAVIGATIONAL RULES

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- Sec. 2008. Action to avoid collision (Rule 8).
  - (a) General characteristics of action taken to avoid collision.
  - (b) Readily apparent alterations in course or speed.
  - (c) Alteration of course to avoid close-quarters situation.
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  - (e) Slackening of vessel speed; stopping or reversing means of propulsion.
  - (f) Early action to allow room for safe passage.
- 2009. Narrow channels (Rule 9).
  - (a) Keeping near to outer limit of channel or fairway which lies on vessel's starboard side; exception.
  - (b) Vessels of less than 20 meters in length; sailing vessels.
  - (c) Vessels engaged in fishing.
  - (d) Crossing narrow channels or fairways.
  - (e) Overtaking vessels.
  - (f) Areas of obscured visibility due to intervening obstructions.
  - (g) Avoidance of anchoring in narrow channels.
- 2010. Traffic separation schemes (Rule 10).
  - (a) Obligations under other Rules unaffected.
  - (b) Duties for vessel using scheme.
  - (c) Crossing traffic lanes.
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  - (e) Entering separation zone or crossing separation line.
  - (f) Caution in areas near termination of scheme.
  - (g) Anchoring.
  - (h) Avoidance of scheme.
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- 2011. Application (Rule 11).
- 2012. Sailing vessels (Rule 12).
  - (a) Keeping out of the way.
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- 2013. Overtaking (Rule 13).
  - (a) Overtaking vessel to keep out of the overtaken vessel's way.
  - (b) Overtaking vessel defined.
  - (c) Assumption that vessel is overtaking another in cases of doubt.
  - (d) Overtaking vessel to become crossing vessel only when finally past and clear.
- 2014. Head-on situation (Rule 14).
  - (a) Course alterations to starboard; port side passage.
  - (b) Existence of head-on situation.
  - (c) Assumption that head-on situation exists in cases of doubt.
  - (d) Vessel operating on Great Lakes, Western Rivers, or other specified waters, and proceeding downbound with following current.
- 2015. Crossing situation (Rule 15).
  - (a) Vessel which must keep out of the other vessel's way.
  - (b) Vessels crossing river.
- 2016. Action by give-way vessel (Rule 16).
- 2017. Action by stand-on vessel (Rule 17).
  - (a) Stand-on vessel to keep course and speed; action allowed when give-way vessel fails to take appropriate action.