

II of Pub. L. 100-220, Dec. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 1460, as amended, known as the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act of 1987. For complete classification of title II to the Code, see Short Title of 1987 Amendment note set out under section 1901 of this title and Tables.

The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(E), (2)(C), is Pub. L. 96-478, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2297, as amended, which is classified principally to this chapter (§1901 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1901 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 6981 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Section was enacted as part of the Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act of 1987 and as part of the United States-Japan Fishery Agreement Approval Act of 1987, and not as part of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104-324, §802(c)(1)-(4), struck out “for a period of at least 3 years,” after “conduct” in introductory provisions and added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-324, §802(c)(5), added par. (2) and struck out heading and text of former par. (2). Text read as follows: “A public outreach program under paragraph (1) may include—

- “(A) workshops with interested groups;
- “(B) public service announcements;
- “(C) distribution of leaflets and posters; and
- “(D) any other means appropriate to educating the public.”

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

CHAPTER 34—INLAND NAVIGATIONAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER I—RULES

PART A—GENERAL

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| Sec.  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2001. | Application (Rule 1). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) United States inland waters and Canadian waters of the Great Lakes.</li> <li>(b) International Regulations.</li> <li>(c) Special rules.</li> <li>(d) Vessel traffic service regulations.</li> <li>(e) Alternative compliance.</li> <li>(f) Acceptance of certificates of alternative compliance from contracting parties to International Regulations.</li> </ul> |
| 2002. | Responsibility (Rule 2). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Exoneration.</li> <li>(b) Departure from rules when necessary to avoid immediate danger.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2003. | Definitions (Rule 3).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

PART B—STEERING AND SAILING RULES

SUBPART I—CONDUCT OF VESSELS IN ANY CONDITION OF VISIBILITY

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| 2004. | Application (Rule 4).       |
| 2005. | Look-out (Rule 5).          |
| 2006. | Safe speed (Rule 6).        |
| 2007. | Risk of collision (Rule 7). |

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| Sec.  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Determination if risk exists.</li> <li>(b) Radar.</li> <li>(c) Scanty information.</li> <li>(d) Considerations taken into account in determining if risk exists.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2008. | Action to avoid collision (Rule 8). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) General characteristics of action taken to avoid collision.</li> <li>(b) Readily apparent alterations in course or speed.</li> <li>(c) Alteration of course to avoid close-quarters situation.</li> <li>(d) Action to result in passing at safe distance.</li> <li>(e) Slackening of vessel speed; stopping or reversing means of propulsion.</li> <li>(f) Early action to allow room for safe passage.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2009. | Narrow channels (Rule 9). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Keeping near to outer limit of channel or fairway which lies on vessel's starboard side; exception.</li> <li>(b) Vessels of less than 20 meters in length; sailing vessels.</li> <li>(c) Vessels engaged in fishing.</li> <li>(d) Crossing narrow channels or fairways.</li> <li>(e) Overtaking vessels.</li> <li>(f) Areas of obscured visibility due to intervening obstructions.</li> <li>(g) Avoidance of anchoring in narrow channels.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                      |
| 2010. | Traffic separation schemes (Rule 10). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Obligations under other Rules unaffected.</li> <li>(b) Duties for vessel using scheme.</li> <li>(c) Crossing traffic lanes.</li> <li>(d) Use of inshore traffic lane.</li> <li>(e) Entering separation zone or crossing separation line.</li> <li>(f) Caution in areas near termination of scheme.</li> <li>(g) Anchoring.</li> <li>(h) Avoidance of scheme.</li> <li>(i) Fishing vessels.</li> <li>(j) Power-driven vessels.</li> <li>(k) Exemption; maintenance of safety of navigation.</li> <li>(l) Exemption; laying, servicing, or picking up submarine cable.</li> </ul> |

SUBPART II—CONDUCT OF VESSELS IN SIGHT OF ONE ANOTHER

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| 2011. | Application (Rule 11).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2012. | Sailing vessels (Rule 12). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Keeping out of the way.</li> <li>(b) Windward side.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2013. | Overtaking (Rule 13). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Overtaking vessel to keep out of the overtaken vessel's way.</li> <li>(b) Overtaking vessel defined.</li> <li>(c) Assumption that vessel is overtaking another in cases of doubt.</li> <li>(d) Overtaking vessel to become crossing vessel only when finally past and clear.</li> </ul>                                               |
| 2014. | Head-on situation (Rule 14). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Course alterations to starboard; port side passage.</li> <li>(b) Existence of head-on situation.</li> <li>(c) Assumption that head-on situation exists in cases of doubt.</li> <li>(d) Vessel operating on Great Lakes, Western Rivers, or other specified waters, and proceeding downbound with following current.</li> </ul> |
| 2015. | Crossing situation (Rule 15). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Vessel which must keep out of the other vessel's way.</li> <li>(b) Vessels crossing river.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |