

endorsements, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See section 12111 of this title.

§ 12106. Surrender of title and number

(a) IN GENERAL.—A documented vessel may not be titled by a State or required to display numbers under chapter 123 of this title, and any certificate of title issued by a State for a documented vessel shall be surrendered as provided by regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(b) VESSELS COVERED BY PREFERRED MORTGAGE.—The Secretary may approve the surrender under subsection (a) of a certificate of title for a vessel covered by a preferred mortgage under section 31322(d) of this title only if the mortgagee consents.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

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§ 12107. Wrecked vessels

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—A vessel is a wrecked vessel under this chapter if it—

- (1) was wrecked on a coast of the United States or adjacent waters; and
- (2) has undergone repairs in a shipyard in the United States equal to at least 3 times the appraised salvage value of the vessel.

(b) APPRAISALS.—The Secretary may appoint a board of three appraisers to determine whether a vessel satisfies subsection (a)(2). The costs of the appraisal shall be paid by the owner of the vessel.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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12107	46 App.:14 (words before last proviso).	R.S. §4136 (words before last proviso); Feb. 24, 1915, ch. 57, 38 Stat. 812; Pub. L. 103-182, title VI, §686(a)(4), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2220.

The words “The Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement” and “when purchased by a citizen or citizens of the United States” are omitted as unnecessary because section 12112, as revised by the bill, provides the requirements for a wrecked vessel to obtain a coastwise endorsement.

In subsection (c)(1), the words “or her possessions” are omitted as unnecessary because of the definition of “United States” in chapter 1 of the revised title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12107, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 100-239, §6(a)(4), (5), Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1782; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(7), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921, originally derived from section 65j of former Title 46, Shipping, related to Great Lakes endorsements, prior to being repealed by Pub. L. 104-324, title XI, §1115(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3972.

A prior section 12108, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 98-454, title III, §301(c), Oct. 5, 1984, 98 Stat. 1734; Pub. L. 100-239, §§3(4), (5), 6(a)(6), Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1779, 1782; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(8), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(a) [title II, §211(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-41; Pub. L. 104-324, title III, §301(e), title VII, §744, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3917, 3942; Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §409, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2117, originally derived from section 65k of former Title 46, Shipping, related to fishery endorsements, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See sections 12102, 12113, and 12116 of this title.

A prior section 12109, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 99-36, §1(a)(7)(C), May 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 67; Pub. L. 99-570, title III, §3151, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3207-94; Pub. L. 100-710, title I, §106(b)(5), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4752; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(9), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921; Pub. L. 101-595, title VI, §603(9), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2993, originally derived from section 65l of former Title 46, Shipping, related to recreational endorsements, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See section 12114 of this title.

A prior section 12110, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 588; Pub. L. 99-36, §1(a)(7)(D), May 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 67; Pub. L. 100-710, title I, §104(a)(4), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4750; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(10), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1922; Pub. L. 102-388, title III, §348(b), Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1554; Pub. L. 102-587, title V, §5213(a)(2), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5077; Pub. L. 104-324, title III, §301(c), (d)(1), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3916; Pub. L. 108-293, title IV, §404(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1043, originally derived from section 65m of former Title 46, Shipping, related to limitations on operations authorized by certificates, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See sections 12102, 12114, and 12131 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—ENDORSEMENTS AND SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION

§ 12111. Registry endorsement

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—A registry endorsement may be issued for a vessel that satisfies the requirements of section 12103 of this title.

(b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY.—A vessel for which a registry endorsement is issued may engage in foreign trade or trade with Guam, American Samoa, Wake, Midway, or Kingman Reef.

(c) CERTAIN VESSELS OWNED BY TRUSTS.—

(1) NONAPPLICATION OF BENEFICIARY CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.—For the issuance of a certificate of documentation with only a registry endorsement, the beneficiaries of a trust are not required to be citizens of the United States if the trust qualifies under paragraph (2) and the vessel is subject to a charter to a citizen of the United States.

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUST TO QUALIFY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), a trust qualifies under this paragraph with respect to a vessel only if—

- (i) each trustee is a citizen of the United States; and
- (ii) the application for documentation of the vessel includes the affidavit of each