§ 8.250 Acceptance of standards and functions delegated under existing regulations.

(a) Classification society class rules will only be accepted as equivalent to Coast Guard regulatory standards when that classification society has received authorization to conduct a related delegated function.

(b) A recognized classification society may not conduct any delegated function under this title until it receives a separate written authorization from the Commandant to conduct that specific function.


A recognized classification society which fails to maintain the minimum standards established in this part will be reevaluated and its recognized status revoked if warranted.

Subpart C—International Convention Certificate Issuance

§ 8.300 Purpose.

This subpart establishes options for vessel owners and operators to obtain required international convention certification through means other than those prescribed elsewhere in this chapter.

§ 8.310 Applicability.

This subpart applies to:

(a) Recognized classification societies; and

(b) All U.S. flag vessels that are certified for international voyages and are classed by a recognized classification society that is authorized by the Coast Guard to issue the applicable international certificate as specified in this subpart.