§ 63.15–1 General.

(a) Each automatic auxiliary boiler must be designed and constructed for its intended service according to the requirements of the parts referenced in §54.01–5, Table 54.01–5(A) of this chapter.

(b) Controls and safety devices for automatic auxiliary boilers must meet the applicable requirements of ASME CSD–1 (incorporated by reference, see 46 CFR 63.05–1), except Paragraph CG–310.

(c) All devices and components of an automatic auxiliary boiler must satisfactorily operate within the marine environment. The boiler must satisfactorily operate with a momentary roll of 30°, a list of 15°, and a permanent trim of 5° with it installed in a position as specified by the manufacturer.

(d) An electrical control used to shut down the automatic auxiliary boiler must be installed in accordance with §58.01–25 of this chapter. This device must stop the fuel supply to the fuel burning equipment.

(e) Mercury tube actuated controls are prohibited from being installed and used on automatic auxiliary boilers.


§ 63.15–3 Fuel system.

(a) Firing of an automatic auxiliary boiler by natural gas is prohibited unless specifically approved by the Marine Safety Center.

(b) Heated heavy fuel oil may be used provided the heaters are equipped with a high temperature limiting device that shuts off the heating source at a temperature below the flashpoint of the oil and is manually reset. When a thermostatically-controlled electric oil heater and a level device is used, it must meet the requirements of part 111, subpart 111.85 of this chapter.

Note: An auxiliary boiler may be safely ignited from the cold condition using unheated diesel or light fuel oil and subsequently shifted to heated heavy fuel.

(c) The fuel oil service pump and its piping system must be designed in accordance with §56.50–65 of this chapter. All materials must meet the requirements of part 56, subpart 56.60 of this chapter. The use of cast iron or malleable iron is prohibited.

(d) The fuel oil service system (including the pump) must meet the pressure classification and design criteria found in §56.04–2, Table 56.04–2 of this chapter.

(e) When properly selected for the intended service, fuel pumps meeting the performance and test requirements of UL 343 (incorporated by reference, see 46 CFR 63.05–1) meet the requirements of this section.


§ 63.15–5 Strainers.

(a) Strainers must be installed in the fuel supply line. Each strainer must be self-cleaning, fitted with a bypass, or be capable of being cleaned without interrupting the fuel oil supply.

(b) The strainer must not allow a quantity of air to be trapped inside which would affect the rate of fuel flow to the burner or reduce the effective area of the straining element.

(c) The strainer must meet the requirements for strainers found in UL 296 (incorporated by reference, see 46 CFR 63.05–1) and the requirements for