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Subpart 160.013—Hatchets (Lifeboat and Liferaft) for Merchant Vessels

§ 160.013–1 Applicable specification and plan.

(a) Specification. The following specification of the issue in effect on the date hatchets are manufactured, forms a part of this subpart:


(b) Plan. The following plan of the issue in effect on the date hatchets are manufactured, forms a part of this subpart:

(1) Dwg. No. 160.013–1(b)—Hatchet (Lifeboat and Life Raft).

(c) Copy on file. A copy of the specification and plan referred to in this section shall be kept on file by the manufacturer, together with the approved plans and certificate of approval. They shall be kept for a period consisting of the duration of approval and 6 months after termination of approval. The Federal specification may be purchased from the Business Service Center, General Services Administration, Washington, DC, 20407. The Coast Guard plan may be obtained upon request from the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

§ 160.013–2 Type and size.

(a) Type. Hatchets specified by this subpart shall be Type I, Class I, Design D or E, as described in Federal Specification GGG-A-926, but other hatchets equal in strength and construction will be given special consideration.

(b) Size. Hatchets specified by this subpart shall be of one size, and the dimensions shall be approximately in conformance with Drawing No. 160.013–1(b).


(a) General. All materials, workmanship, and construction details shall be in substantial compliance with the provisions of Federal Specification GGG-A-926, except as provided for in this subpart.

(b) Handle. A ½-inch diameter hole shall be bored in the hatchet handle in the approximate location shown on DWG No. 160.013–1(b), and the edges of the hole on both sides of the handle shall be rounded off to remove rough edges.

(c) Lanyard. Hatchets specified by this subpart shall be provided with a lanyard of ¼-inch diameter, 3-strand rope-laid line not less than 6 feet in length. Lanyards shall be cotton, jute, or other suitable material. The lanyard shall be attached to the hatchet by threading one end through the hole in the hatchet handle and securing the rope end by splicing or by a bowline or other suitable knot.

(d) Sheath. No sheaths are to be provided for hatchets specified by this subpart.

§ 160.013–5 Marking.

(a) General. Hatchets specified by this subpart shall be stamped or otherwise permanently marked in a legible manner on the side of the head with the manufacturer’s name or with a trade mark of such known character that the source of manufacture may be readily determined, and with the manufacturer’s type or size designation.

(b) Reserved.

§ 160.015–1 Applicable regulations.

(a) Regulations. The following regulations of the issue in effect on the date lifeboat winches are manufactured, form a part of this subpart:

(1) Coast Guard regulations: Electrical Engineering Regulations, CG–259 (46 CFR (subchapter J) parts 110 to 113, inclusive of this chapter).