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good faith believes to be purchasing any such vessel for purposes other than resale.

Distributor means any person engaged in the sale and distribution of vessels for the purpose of resale.

Manufacturer means any person engaged in:
(1) The manufacture, construction, or assembly of vessels, or
(2) The importation of vessels into the United States for subsequent sale.

Navigation lights are those lights prescribed by the Navigation Rules (Commandant Instruction 16672.2 series) to indicate a vessel’s presence, type, operation, and relative heading.

§ 25.10–3 Navigation light certification requirements.

(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, each navigation light must—
(1) Meet the technical standards of the applicable Navigation Rules;
(2) Be certified by a laboratory listed by the Coast Guard to the standards of ABYC A-16 (incorporated by reference, see § 25.01–3), or equivalent, although portable battery-powered lights need only meet the requirements of the standard applicable to them; and
(3) Bear a permanent and indelible label stating the following:
(i) ‘‘USCG Approval 33 CFR 183.810’’
(ii) ‘‘MEETS _______’’ (Insert the identification name or number of the standard under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, to which the light was type-tested.)
(iii) ‘‘TESTED BY _______’’ (Insert the name or registered certification-mark of the laboratory listed by the Coast Guard that tested the fixture to the standard under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.)
(iv) Name of Manufacturer.
(v) Number of Model.
(vi) Visibility of the light in nautical miles (nm).
(vii) Date on which the light was type-tested.
(viii) Identification of bulb used in the compliance test.
(b) If a light is too small to attach the required label—
(1) Place the information from the label in or on the package that contains the light; and
(2) Mark each light ‘‘USCG’’ followed by the certified range of visibility in nautical miles, for example, ‘‘USCG 2nm.’’ Once installed, this mark must be visible without removing the light.

Subpart 25.25—Life Preservers and Other Lifesaving Equipment

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§ 25.25–1 Application.

This subpart applies to each vessel to which this part applies, except:
(a) Vessels used for noncommercial use;
(b) Vessels leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter’s noncommercial use;
(c) Commercial vessels propelled by sail not carrying passengers for hire; or
(d) Commercial barges not carrying passengers for hire.

§ 25.25–3 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:
(a) Approved means approved under subchapter Q of this chapter.
(b) Use means operate, navigate, or employ.

§ 25.25–5 Life preservers and other lifesaving equipment required.

(a) No person may operate a vessel to which this subpart applies unless it meets the requirements of this subpart.
(b) Each vessel not carrying passengers for hire, less than 40 feet in length must have at least one life preserver (Type I PFD), buoyant vest (Type II PFD), or marine buoyant device intended to be worn (Type III PFD), approved under subchapter Q of a suitable size for each person on board. Kapok and fibrous glass life preservers that do not have plastic-covered pad inserts as required by subparts 160.062 and 160.005 of this chapter are not acceptable as equipment required by this paragraph.
(c) Each vessel carrying passengers for hire and each vessel 40 feet in length or longer not carrying passengers for hire must have at least one life preserver approved under subchapter Q of a suitable size for each person on board. Kapok and fibrous glass life preservers which do not have
§ 25.25–7 Marking.

The lifesaving equipment required by this subpart must be legibly marked as specified in subchapter Q of this chapter.

§ 25.25–9 Storage.

(a) The lifesaving equipment designed to be worn required in § 25.25–5 (b), (c) and (e) must be readily accessible.

(b) Lifesaving equipment designed to be thrown required in § 25.25–5(d) must be immediately available.


§ 25.25–11 Condition.

The lifesaving equipment required by this subpart must be in serviceable condition.

§ 25.25–13 Personal flotation device lights.

(a) This section applies to vessels described in § 25.25–1 that engage in ocean, coastwise, or Great Lakes voyages.

(b) Each immersion suit carried in accordance with § 25.25–5(e), each life preserver, each marine buoyant device intended to be worn, and each buoyant vest must have a personal flotation device light that is approved under subpart 161.012 of this chapter.

(c) Each personal flotation device light required by this section must be securely attached to the front shoulder area of the immersion suit, life preserver, or other personal flotation device.

(d) If a personal flotation device light has a non-replaceable power source, the light must be replaced on or before the expiration date of the power source. If the light has a replaceable power source, the power source must be replaced on or before its expiration date and the light must be replaced when it is no longer serviceable.


§ 25.25–15 Retroreflective material for personal flotation devices.

(a) Each life preserver, each marine buoyant device intended to be worn, and each buoyant vest carried on a vessel must have Type I retroreflective material that is approved under subpart 164.018 of this chapter.