§ 80.01 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations in this part is to implement 46 U.S.C. 3504.

§ 80.10 Applicability.

Except as exempted in § 80.20, this part applies to—

(a) Owners, operators, agents, or any persons selling passage on a foreign or domestic vessel of one hundred gross tons or over having berth or stateroom accommodations for fifty or more passengers and embarking passengers at a United States port for a coastwise or an international voyage; and (b) owners, operators, agents, and other persons involved in the publishing and distribution of promotional material in or over any medium of communication within the United States offering passage or soliciting passengers for an ocean voyage anywhere in the world, by a vessel of one hundred gross tons or over having berth or stateroom accommodations for fifty or more passengers, regardless of whether passengers are embarked at United States ports for said voyage.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 80.15 Ocean voyage.

An ocean voyage for the purposes of this part means:

A voyage on any body of water seaward of the low water mark such as an ocean or arm thereof, other major bodies of water such as seas, gulfs, and straits, except voyages exclusively within harbors and small coastal indentations.

§ 80.20 Exception to requirements.

(a) This part does not apply to vessels that comply with the safety standards set forth in the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

(b) If the exception in paragraph (a) of this section applies, the country of registry must appear in printed advertising or promotional literature as described in § 80.30(a), in a type no smaller than six points, American point system.

§ 80.25 Notification of safety standards.

(a) Each owner, operator, agent, or other person, selling passage for a coastwise or an international voyage embarking passengers at a United States port shall give to a prospective passenger, in writing, at the time of or before passage is booked, separately from any promotional literature or advertising used, a document containing the following information for each vessel concerned—

(1) The name of the vessel;

(2) The country of registry;

(3) One of the following statements as appropriate:

(i) This vessel complies with international safety standards, except the 1966 fire safety standards.

(ii) This vessel complies with international safety standards developed prior to 1960. There is (or, is not) an automatic sprinkler system fitted in the passenger living and public spaces. The hull, decks, deckhouses, structural bulkheads, and internal partitions are (or, are not) composed of combustible materials.

(iii) This vessel does not comply with any international safety standard. There is (or, is not) an automatic sprinkler system fitted in the passenger living and public spaces. The hull, decks, deckhouses, structural bulkheads, and internal partitions are (or, are not) composed of combustible materials.

(b) The information required in paragraph (a) of this section must be printed in a type no smaller than six points, American point system.

(c) The information required in paragraph (a) of this section must be headed—

(1) “SAFETY INFORMATION”;

(2) With each letter in the heading capitalized; and

(3) In boldfaced type of a size equal to the size of the text required in paragraph (a) of this section.