

are not, in the opinion of the Commandant, adequately established by either the class rules of that classification society or applicable international regulations.

§ 8.440 Vessel enrollment in the Alternate Compliance Program.

(a) In place of compliance with other applicable provisions of this title, the owner or operator of a vessel subject to plan review and inspection under this subchapter for initial issuance or renewal of a COI may submit the vessel for classification, plan review and inspection by a recognized classification society authorized by the Coast Guard to determine compliance with applicable international treaties and agreements, the classification society's class rules, and the U.S. supplement prepared by the classification society and accepted by the Coast Guard.

(b) A vessel owner or operator wishing to have a vessel inspected under paragraph (a) of this section shall submit an Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessel (CG-3752) to the cognizant OCMI, and indicate on the form that the inspection will be conducted by an authorized classification society under the ACP.

(c) Based on reports from an authorized classification society that a vessel complies with applicable international treaties and agreements, the classification society's class rules, and the U.S. supplement prepared by the classification society and accepted by the Coast Guard, the cognizant OCMI may issue a certificate of inspection to the vessel. If the OCMI declines to issue a certificate of inspection even though the reports made by the authorized classification society indicate that the vessel meets applicable standards, the vessel owner or operator may appeal the OCMI decision as provided in subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

(d) If reports from an authorized classification society indicate that a vessel does not comply with applicable international treaties and agreements, the classification society's class rules, and the U.S. supplement prepared by the classification society and accepted by the Coast Guard, the cognizant OCMI may decline to issue a certificate of inspection. If the OCMI declines to issue

a certificate of inspection, the vessel owner or operator may:

(1) Correct the reported deficiencies and make arrangements with the classification society for an additional inspection;

(2) Request inspection by the Coast Guard under other provisions of this subchapter; or

(3) Appeal via the authorized classification society to the Commandant (CG-CVC), Attn: Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593-7501.

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§ 8.450 Termination of classification society authority.

(a) The Coast Guard may terminate an authorization agreement with a classification society to participate in the Alternate Compliance Program if:

(1) The Commandant revokes the classification society's recognition, as specified in § 8.260; or

(2) The classification society fails to comply with the conditions of the authorization agreement as specified in § 8.130.

(b) In the event that a flag administration of a country changes conditions related to the authority that is delegated to ABS, the Commandant may modify or revoke the Coast Guard's authorization of that classification society that has its headquarters in that country.

(c) Certificates issued by a classification society which has had its authorization to participate in the Alternate Compliance Program terminated, will be subject to the provisions of § 8.330.

(d) Owners or operators of vessels enrolled in the ACP and classed by a classification society that has its authority to participate in the ACP terminated, must:

(1) Change the classification society for the vessel to a classification society that is authorized to participate in the ACP; or

(2) Disenroll the vessel from the ACP.

(e) The Coast Guard will provide guidance to a vessel owner affected by the revocation of a classification society's authority to participate in the