

(b) The IMO Certificate expires on the same date that the vessel's Certificate of Inspection expires.

[CGD 77-069, 52 FR 31626, Aug. 21, 1987, as amended by CGD 95-010, 62 FR 67537, Dec. 24, 1997]

§ 154.22 Foreign flag vessel: Certificate of Compliance endorsement application.

(a) A person who desires an endorsed Certificate of Compliance to meet §154.1802(a) of this part for a foreign flag vessel, whose flag administration issues IMO Certificates, must submit to the Commanding Officer (MSC), Attn: Marine Safety Center, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7410, 4200 Wilson Boulevard Suite 400, Arlington, VA 20598-7410, in a written or electronic format, an application that includes the following:

- (1) The vessel's valid IMO Certificate.
- (2) A description of the vessel.
- (3) Specifications for the cargo containment system.
- (4) A general arrangement plan of the vessel.
- (5) A midship section plan of the vessel.
- (6) Schematic plans of the liquid and vapor cargo piping.
- (7) A firefighting and safety plan.
- (8) If the applicant is requesting an endorsement for the carriage of ethylene oxide, a classification society certification that the vessel meets §154.1725(a) (4), (5), and (7).
- (9) If the vessel is a new gas vessel, or an existing vessel that does not meet §154.12 (b), (c), or (d)—
 - (i) A certification from a classification society that the vessel—
 - (A) Has enhanced grades of steel meeting §154.170 (b)(1) and (b)(2) for crack arresting purposes in the deck stringer, sheer strake, and bilge strake; and
 - (B) Meets §154.701, or if the vessel carries methane, meets §154.703, by having the capability of cargo tank pressure and temperature control without venting; and
 - (ii) The vessel's valid SOLAS Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate and Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.
- (10) Any additional plans, certificates, and information needed by the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety

Center to determine whether or not the vessel meets this part.

(b) A person who desires an endorsed Certificate of Compliance to meet §154.1802(b) for a foreign flag vessel, whose flag administration does not issue IMO Certificates, must submit to the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center the plans, calculations, and information under §154.15(b).

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§ 154.24 Foreign flag vessel: IMO Certificate.

(a) An IMO Certificate issued under the IMO Resolution A.328(IX), "Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, 1975" is usually sufficient evidence of compliance with this part for the Coast Guard to endorse a foreign flag vessel's Certificate of Compliance with the name of each cargo in Table 4 (follows §154.1872) that is listed on the IMO Certificate, if the information listed in item 3 of the IMO Certificate shows that—

- (1) The design ambient temperatures meet §154.174 and §154.176;
 - (2) The cargo tank design stress factors and resulting MARVS of independent tanks type B or C meet §154.447 or §154.450; and
 - (3) The cargo tank MARVS of a type IIPG ship meets §172.175(c) of this chapter.
- (b) If a foreign flag existing gas vessel meets §154.12 (b), (c), or (d), the vessel's IMO Certificate issued under the IMO "Code for Existing Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, 1975" is usually sufficient evidence of compliance with the requirements of §154.12(e) for the Coast Guard to endorse the Certificate of Compliance with the name of each cargo in Table 4 (follows §154.1872) that is listed on the IMO Certificate; however if a foreign flag existing gas vessel does not meet §154.12 (b), (c), or (d), an IMO Certificate issued under the IMO "Code for Existing Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, 1975" is not acceptable evidence of compliance with

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the requirements of this part for the endorsement of a Certificate of Compliance.

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§ 154.32 Equivalents.

(a) A vessel that fails to meet the standards in this part for an endorsement on a Certificate of Inspection or a Certificate of Compliance may meet an alternate standard if the Commandant (CG-ENG) finds that the alternate standard provides an equivalent or greater level of protection for the purpose of safety.

(b) The Commandant (CG-ENG) considers issuance of a finding of equivalence to the standard required by this part if the person requesting the finding submits a written application to the Commandant (CG-ENG) that includes—

(1) A detailed explanation of the vessel's characteristics that do not meet the requirements in this part; and

(2) An explanation of how each substituted standard would enable the vessel to meet a level of safety that would be equivalent to or greater than the standard in this part.

(c) Operational methods or procedures may not be substituted for a particular fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, item, or type of equipment required in this part.

§ 154.34 Special approval: Requests.

Each request for special approval must be in writing and submitted to the Commandant (CG-ENG), Attn: Office of Design and Engineering Systems, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593-7509.

[CGD 77-069, 52 FR 31626, Aug. 21, 1987, as amended by USCG-2013-0671, 78 FR 60155, Sept. 30, 2013]

§ 154.36 Correspondence and vessel information: Submission.

Correspondence to the Coast Guard and all vessel information submitted to the Coast Guard must be in English, except—

(a) IMO Certificates may be in French; and

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(b) SOLAS Certificates may be in the official language of the flag administration.

§ 154.40 Right of appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this part, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal therefrom in accordance with subpart 1.03 of this chapter.

[CGD 88-033, 54 FR 50381, Dec. 6, 1989]

Subpart B—Inspections and Tests

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS

§ 154.150 Examination required for a Certificate of Compliance.

Before a vessel receives an initial or reissued Certificate of Compliance endorsed with the name of a cargo from Table 4 of this part, the vessel must call at a United States port for an examination, during which the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, determines whether or not the vessel meets the requirements of this chapter.

[CGD 81-052, 50 FR 8734, Mar. 5, 1985]

§ 154.151 Procedures for having the Coast Guard examine a vessel for a Certificate of Compliance.

To have the Coast Guard examine the vessel for a Certificate of Compliance, as required in §154.150, the owner of a foreign flag vessel must proceed as follows:

(a) After submitting an application under §154.22, await notification by the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center that review of the vessel's plans or IMO Certificate and supporting documents is complete.

(b) Except when paragraph (c) of this section applies,

(1) After receiving notification from Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center that review is complete and the application is acceptable, dispatch the vessel to a United States port;

(2) Notify the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, for the port where the vessel is to be inspected at least seven days before the vessel arrives and arrange the exact time and other details of the examination. This notification is