§ 189.55–10 Plans required for alterations of existing vessels.  

(a) In the event of alterations involving the safety of the vessel, the applicable plans shall be submitted for approval covering the proposed work except as modified by §189.45–1.

§ 189.55–15 Procedure for submittal of plans.  

(a) As the relative location of shipyards, design offices, and Coast Guard offices vary throughout the country, no specific routing will be required in the submittal of plans. In general, one of the following procedures would apply, but in a particular case, if a more expeditious procedure can be used, there will be no objection to its adoption.

(1) The plans may be submitted to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, in the district in which the vessel is to be built. This procedure will be most expeditious in the case of those offices where personnel and facilities are available for examination and approval of plans locally.

(2) The plans may be submitted by visitors directly to the Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center, U.S. Coast Guard, 4200 Wilson Boulevard Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22203, or transmitted by mail to Commanding Officer (MSC), Attn: Marine Safety Center, or transmitted by mail to Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center, U.S. Coast Guard, Stop 7410, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, VA 20598–7410.

§ 189.55–20 Number of plans required.  

(a) Three copies of each plan are normally required so that one can be returned to the submitter. If the submitter desires additional approved plans, a suitable number should be submitted to permit the required distribution.

Subpart 189.60—Certificates Under International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974

§ 189.60–1 Application.  

The provisions of this subpart shall apply to all oceanographic research vessels on an international voyage. (See §188.05–10 of this subchapter.)

§ 189.60–5 Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate.  

(a) All vessels on an international voyage are required to have a Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate. This certificate shall be issued by the U.S. Coast Guard to the American Bureau of Shipping to certify vessels on
§ 189.60–10 Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.

(a) All vessels on an international voyage are required to have a Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.

(b) All such vessels shall meet the applicable requirements of this chapter for vessels on an international voyage.

§ 189.60–15 Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate.

Every vessel equipped with a radio installation on an international voyage must have a Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate. Each radio installation must meet the requirements of the Federal Communication Commission and the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea.

§ 189.60–25 Exemption Certificate.

(a) A vessel may be exempted by the Commandant from complying with certain requirements of the Convention under his administration upon request made in writing to him and transmitted via the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(b) When an exemption is granted to a vessel by the Commandant under and in accordance with the Convention, an Exemption Certificate describing such exemption shall be issued through the appropriate Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, in addition to other required certificates.

§ 189.60–30 Safety Management Certificate.

All vessels to which 33 CFR part 96 applies on an international voyage must have a valid Safety Management Certificate and a copy of their company’s valid Document of Compliance certificate on board.

§ 189.60–35 Availability of Certificates.

The Convention certificates must be on board the vessel and readily available for examination at all times.

§ 189.60–40 Duration of Convention certificates.

(a) The following certificates are valid for a period of not more than 60 months (5 years):


(2) A Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.

(3) A Safety Management Certificate.


(b) An Exemption certificate must not be valid for longer than the period of the certificate to which it refers.

(c) A Convention certificate may be withdrawn, revoked, or suspended at any time when it is determined that the vessel is no longer in compliance with applicable requirements. (See §2.01–70 of this chapter for procedures governing appeals.)

§ 189.60–45 American Bureau of Shipping.

(a) The American Bureau of Shipping, with its home office at ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060, is hereby designated as an organization duly authorized to issue the “Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate” to certain oceanographic research vessels on behalf of the United States of America as provided in Regulation 12, Chapter I, of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and Executive Order 12234 and the certificate shall be subject to the requirements in this subpart. The American Bureau of Shipping is authorized to place the official seal of the United States of America on the certificate. This designation and delegation to the American Bureau of Shipping shall be in effect until terminated by proper authority and notice of cancellation is published in the Federal Register.

(b) At the option of the owner or agent of a vessel on an international voyage and on direct application to the