§ 2.01–20 Suspension or revocation of certificates of inspection.

Under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 3313 and 46 U.S.C. 3710, a certificate of inspection issued to a vessel may be suspended or revoked if a vessel is found not to comply with the terms of its certificate or fails to meet a standard required by this chapter.


(a) Certificates required. (1) The International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, requires one or more of the following certificates to be carried on board certain passenger, cargo or tankships engaged in international voyages:

(i) Passenger Ship Safety Certificate.


(iii) Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate.

(iv) Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate.

(v) Nuclear Passenger Ship Safety Certificate.

(vi) Nuclear Cargo Ship Safety Certificate.

(vii) Safety Management Certificate.


(ix) High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate

(2) The U.S. Coast Guard will issue through the Officer In Charge, Marine Inspection, the following certificates after performing an inspection or safety management audit of the vessel’s systems and determining the vessel meets the applicable requirements:

(i) Passenger Ship Safety Certificate.

(ii) Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, except when issued to cargo ships by a Coast Guard recognized classification society at the option of the owner or agent.

(iii) Cargo Ships Safety Equipment Certificate.

(iv) Exemption Certificate.

(v) Nuclear Passenger Ship Safety Certificate.

(vi) Nuclear Cargo Ship Safety Certificate.

(vii) Safety Management Certificate, except when issued by a recognized organization authorized by the Coast Guard.


(ix) High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate.

(3) When authorized by the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, an authorized classification society may issue international convention certificates as permitted under part 8, subpart C, of this title.

(4) The Federal Communications Commission will issue the following certificates:

(i) Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate.

(ii) Exemption Certificate.

(b) Applications. (1) The application for inspection and issuance of a certificate or certificates is made on the appropriate form listed in §2.01–1, or by letter, to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, in or nearest the port at which the inspection is to be made and shall be signed by the master or agent of the vessel. The certificates previously issued are surrendered at the time the inspection is performed. Further details are set forth in subchapter D (Tank Vessels), subchapter H (Passenger Vessels), subchapter I (Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels), subchapter K (Small Passenger Vessels Carrying more than 150 Passengers or with overnight accommodations for more than 49 Passengers), subchapter L (Offshore Supply Vessels), subchapter O (Certain Bulk Dangerous Cargoes), subchapter T
(Small Passenger Vessels), and sub-
chapter U (Oceanographic Research
Vessels), of this chapter.

(2) For vessels other than passenger
vessels, you must contact the local of-
fice of the Federal Communications
Commission to apply for the inspection
concerning the issuance of a Cargo
Ship Safety Radio Certificate.

(c) Certificates issued. (1) If a vessel
meets the applicable requirements of
the Convention, it shall be issued ap-
propriate certificates listed in para-
graph (a) of this section. These certifi-
cates describe the vessel and state the
vessel is in compliance with the appli-
cable requirements of the Convention.

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

(d) CG-969—Notice of Receipt of Appli-
cation for Passenger Ship Safety Certifi-
cate. (1) The Passenger Ship Safety Cer-
tificate is issued by the Commandant
after determining all applicable re-
quirements of the Convention have
been met. In the event the completion
of the certification of any passenger
vessel cannot be effected prior to the
sailing of the passenger ship on a for-
eign voyage, or in any case where the
Passenger Ship Safety Certificate is
not received from the Commandant be-
fore the ship sails on a foreign voyage,
the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspec-
tion, will issue a completed Form CG-
969, describing the passenger ship and
certifying that an application for a
Passenger Ship Safety Certificate is
being processed, and that in his opinion
the vessel meets applicable require-
ments of the Convention administered
by the Coast Guard.

(2) The completed Form CG-969 may
be exhibited in explanation of the fail-
ure of the passenger ship to have on
board a current Passenger Ship Safety
Certificate. This completed form CG-
969 may be accepted as prima facie evi-
dence that the passenger ship described
therein is in compliance with the appli-
cable requirements of the Convention.

(e) Exempted vessel. (1) A vessel may
be exempted by the Commandant from
complying with certain requirements
of the Convention under his adminis-

§2.01–30 Delegation of OCMI signature
authority.

The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspec-
tion, may redelegate signature author-
ity for documents issued under this
subpart to: one individual on his or her
staff; and each Marine Safety Unit
Commanding Officer within his or her
Sector.

§2.01–40 Passengers or persons in ad-
dition to crew on cargo or tank ves-
sels.

(a) Under the authority of 46 U.S.C.
3304, a documented vessel transporting
cargo may be allowed by its certificate
of inspection to carry not more than 12
individuals in addition to the crew on
international voyages and not more
than 16 individuals in addition to the
crew on other voyages.

(b) The application for permission to
carry persons in addition to the crew

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dition to crew on cargo or tank ves-
sels.