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

Under the authority if 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.

(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.

(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 Ap-

dlication 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-