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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By 79 FR 56500, Sept. 22, 2014, §160.076–9 was amended in paragraph (a), removing the words “is categorized as a Type V PFD and” and by revising paragraph (b), effective Oct. 22, 2014. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

§ 160.076–9  Conditional approval.

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(b) PFDs not meeting the performance specifications in UL 1180 (incorporated by reference, see §160.076–11) may be conditionally approved when the Commandant determines that the performance or design characteristics of the PFD make such classification appropriate.

§ 160.076–11  Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain materials are incorporated by reference into this subpart with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than the one listed in this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of the change in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and the material must be available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and at Coast Guard Headquarters. Contact Commandant (CG-ENG-4), Attn: Life-saving and Fire Safety Division, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20593-7509. The material is available from the sources indicated in paragraph (b) of this section. For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to:


(b) Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062–2096 (Phone (847) 272–6800; Facsimile: (847) 272–8129; Web site: www.ul.com).


§ 160.076–13  Approval procedures for inflatable PFDs.

(a) Manufacturers seeking approval of an inflatable PFD design shall follow the procedures of this section and subpart 159.005 of this chapter.

(b) Each application for approval of an inflatable PFD must contain the information specified in §159.005–5 of this chapter. The application must be submitted to a recognized laboratory. One copy of the application and, except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, a prototype PFD must be submitted to the Commandant for preapproval review. If a similar design has already been approved, the Commandant may authorize the recognized laboratory to waive the preapproval review under §§159.005–5 and 159.005–7 of this chapter.

(c) The application must include the following:

(1) Plans and specifications containing the information required by §159.005–12 of this chapter, including drawings, product description, construction specifications, and bill of materials.

(2) The information specified in §159.005–5(a)(2) (i) through (iii) of this chapter.