§ 188.10–75 Undocumented vessel.
This term means any vessel which is not required to have, and does not have, a valid marine document issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

§ 188.10–77 Vessel.
Where the word “vessel” is used in this subchapter, it shall be considered to include all inspected and certificated oceanographic research vessels as listed in Column 7 of Table 188.05–1(a).

Subpart 188.15—Equivalents
§ 188.15–1 Conditions under which equivalents may be used.
(a) Where in this subchapter it is provided that a particular fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a vessel, or that any particular provision shall be made or arrangement shall be adopted, the Commandant may accept in substitution therefor any other fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or any other arrangement: Provided, That he shall have been satisfied by suitable trials that the fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or the provision or arrangement is at least as effective as that specified in this subchapter.

(b) In any case where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commandant that the use of any particular equipment, apparatus, or arrangement not specifically required by law is unreasonable or impracticable, the Commandant may permit the use of alternate equipment, apparatus, or arrangement to such an extent and upon such conditions as will insure, to his satisfaction, a degree of safety consistent with the minimum standards set forth in this subchapter.

§ 188.15–5 Design of vessels.
(a) In order not to inhibit design and application the Commandant may accept vessels of unusual, unique, special, or exotic design, both new and for conversion, after it is shown to his satisfaction that such a vessel is at least as safe as any vessel which meets the standards required by this subchapter.

Subpart 188.20—General Marine Engineering Requirements
§ 188.20–1 Marine engineering details.
(a) The marine engineering details shall be in accordance with Subchapter F (Marine Engineering) of this chapter.

Subpart 188.25—General Electrical Engineering Requirements
§ 188.25–1 Electrical engineering details.
(a) The electrical engineering details shall be in accordance with subchapter J (Electrical Engineering) of this chapter.

Subpart 188.27—Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements
§ 188.27–1 Lifesaving appliances and arrangements.
All lifesaving appliances and arrangements shall be in accordance with the requirements for special purpose vessels in subchapter W (Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements) of this chapter.

Subpart 188.35—American Bureau of Shipping’s Standards
§ 188.35–1 Standards to be used.
(a) Where in this subchapter an item, or method of construction, or testing is required to meet the standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping, the current standards in effect at the time of construction of the vessel, or otherwise as applicable, shall be used.
(b) The current standards of other recognized classification societies may also be accepted upon approval by the Commandant.

§ 188.35–5 Where obtainable.
(a) The standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping are usually published annually and may be
purchased from the American Bureau of Shipping, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060.

(b) These standards may also be examined at Coast Guard Headquarters. Contact Commandant (CG–CVC), Attn: Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593–7501. The standards are also available at the Office of any Coast Guard District Commander or Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.


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