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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 144

46 CFR Parts 109, 159, 160, and 199

[CGD 85-205]

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Inflatable Liferrafts; Correction

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final regulations [CGD 85-205] which were published May 9, 1997 (62 FR 25525). The final rule completely revised Coast Guard regulations for the approval and servicing of inflatable liferafts in 46 CFR Part 160.

DATES: This rule is effective on July 1, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

The Coast Guard published a document in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 1997 (62 FR 25525), completely revising its regulations in 46 CFR Part 160 for the approval and servicing of inflatable liferafts. That document also made a consequential amendment to 46 CFR 199.190(g)(3)(i), to update an obsolete reference to the old regulations. However, it failed to address similar obsolete references in 33 CFR 144.01-15 (d) and 46 CFR 109.301(g)(3)(ii). This document amends those paragraphs as necessary to update obsolete references to the old regulations, and to update a requirement in 33 CFR 144.01-15(d) for equipment which is no longer approved under the new regulations. It also makes one purely editorial correction to the paragraph numbering in 46 CFR 160.151-13(g).

Correction of Publication

In rule FR Doc. 97-11897 published on May 9, 1997 (62 FR 25525), make the following corrections:

1. On page 25543, second column, under Consequential Revisions, add the following before the existing paragraph: "This final rule amends 33 CFR 144.01-15(d) to replace the obsolete requirement for "Limited Service" liferafts (which will no longer be approved) with a requirement for the analogous liferafts approved under this rule, and to remove the obsolete note referencing the servicing requirements in the old regulations. This amendment will not affect existing installed liferafts, and so should not have any substantive impact on anyone.

This final rule also amends 46 CFR 109.301(g)(3)(ii) to replace the obsolete reference to servicing procedures in subpart 160.051 with a reference to subpart 106.151."

2. On page 25544, third column, under *List of Subjects*, add the following before the existing text:

33 CFR Part 144

Continental shelf, Marine safety, Occupational safety and health.

46 CFR Part 109

Marine safety, Occupational safety and health, Oil and gas exploration, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

3. On page 25544, third column, replace the words of issuance with the following:

"For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 144 and 46 CFR parts 109, 159, 160, and 199 as follows:"

4. On page 25544, third column, following the words of issuance, insert the following amendatory paragraphs 1 through 4 and text, and renumber existing amendatory paragraphs 1 through 12 as 5 through 17: 33 CFR Part 144.

1. The authority citation for part 144 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1333d; 46 U.S.C. 3102(a); 46 CFR 1.46.

2. In § 144.01-15, remove the Note following paragraph (d), and revise paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 144.01-15 Alternates for life floats.

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(d) Inflatable liferafts shall be approved by the Coast Guard under approval series 160.151. An approved "Limited Service" or "Ocean Service" liferaft installed on board a platform before May 9, 1997, may continue to be used to meet the requirements of this

section provided it is maintained in good and serviceable condition.

46 CFR Part 109

3. The authority citation for part 109 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1333; 46 U.S.C. 3306, 5115, 6101, 10104; 49 CFR 1.46.

4. In § 109.301, revise paragraph (g)(3)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 109.301 Operational readiness, maintenance, and inspection of lifesaving equipment.

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(g) *Servicing of inflatable lifesaving appliances, inflated rescue boats, and marine evacuation systems.*

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(3) Each inflatable liferaft must be serviced—

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(ii) In accordance with servicing procedures meeting the requirements of part 160, subpart 160.151 of this chapter.

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46 CFR Part 160

§ 160.151-13 [Corrected]

5. On page 25549, top of the second column, renumber paragraphs (h) (1)-(4) of § 160.151-13 as (g)(3) (i)-(iv).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD13-97-003]

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Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters, WA-Regulated Navigation

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: On May 1, 1997, the Coast Guard published a direct final rule (62 FR 23659). This direct final rule notified the public of the Coast Guard's intent to correct an administrative error which unintentionally omitted the District Commander's authority to grant waivers from the rule excluding tankers over 125,000 dead weight tons from operating in Puget Sound, Puget Sound