

Vessel	Number	Distance in meters of forward masthead light below minimum required height. § 2(a)(i), Annex I
USS VIRGINIA SSN 774	2.9	

■ 3. Table Three of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS VIRGINIA:

§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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TABLE 3

Vessel	Number	Masthead lights arc of visibility; rule 21(a)	Side lights arc of visi- bility; rule 21(b)	Stern light arc of visi- bility; rule 21(c)	Side lights distance in- board of ship's sides in meters 3(b) annex 1	Stern light, distance for- ward of stern in me- ters; rule 21(c)	Forward an- chor light, height above hull in me- ters; 2(K) annex 1	Anchor lights relationship of aft light to forward light in meters 2(K) annex 1
VIRGINIA	SSN 774			205°	4.37	11.05	2.8	0.03 below.

Approved: January 12, 2004.

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Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty
and Maritime Law).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has determined that USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully

comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 9, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS (DDG 95) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I, paragraph 3(a) pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light in the forward quarter of the vessel, and the

horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights; Annex I, paragraph 3(c), pertaining to placement of task lights not less than two meters from the fore and aft centerline of the ship in the athwartship direction; Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(i), pertaining to the placement of the masthead light or lights above and clear of all other lights and obstructions; and Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(ii), pertaining to the vertical placement of task lights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

PART 706—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

■ 2. Table Four, Paragraph 15 of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS:

§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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Vessel	Number	Horizontal distance from the fore and aft centerline of the vessel in the athwartship direction
USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS	DDG 95	1.89 meters.
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■ 3. Table Four, Paragraph 16 of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical

order, the following entry for USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS:

§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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Vessel	Number	Obstruction angle relative ship's headings
USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS	DDG 95	108.79 thru 112.50°.
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■ 4. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS:

§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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Vessel	Number	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. Annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward mast-head light not in forward quarter of ship. Annex I, sec. 3(a)	After mast-head light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward mast-head light. Annex I, sec. 3(a0)	Percentage horizontal separation attained
USS JAMES E. WILLIAMS	DDG 95	X	X	X	14.6
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G.A. Cervi,

Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate, General (Admiralty and Maritime Law).

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Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at

Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) (Acting) has determined that USS OKLAHOMA CITY (SSN 723) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 5, 2004.

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