

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0696]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V IRON STAN, 1246342

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that a Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued for the Uninspected Towing Vessel M/V IRON STAN as required by 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CF. 81.18.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on June 10, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this notice is available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG–2013–0696 in the “SEARCH” box, and then clicking “Search.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call LT Steven Melvin, District Nine, Prevention Branch, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 216–902–6343. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background and Purpose

A Certificate of Alternative Compliance, as allowed for under 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18, has been issued for the M/V IRON STAN. The vessel’s primary purpose is to push a passenger barge that operates on the Chicago River and a limited area of Lake Michigan, within 1 mile of shore. The unique design of the vessel did not lend itself to full compliance with Annex I of the Inland Rules Act.

The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that full compliance with the Inland Rules Act would interfere with the special functions/intent of the vessel and would not significantly enhance the safety of the vessel’s operation. Placing the masthead light in the required position would interfere with the vessel’s ability to pass under bridges on the Chicago River.

The Certificate of Alternative Compliance authorizes the M/V IRON

STAN to deviate from the requirements set forth in Annex I of the Inland Rules Act, and install a lower masthead light to substitute for the ordinary pair of masthead lights. The regularly positioned masthead lights will still be installed, but will be retracted throughout its tour underneath the bridges on the Chicago River only.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c), and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: July 30, 2013.

P. Albertson,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Prevention Division, Ninth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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[Docket No. USCG–2013–0491]

Consolidation of Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection For Outer Continental Shelf Activities; Eighth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is considering establishing a single Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) to oversee marine inspections for all Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Floating Outer Continental Shelf Facilities (as defined in Coast Guard regulations) engaged directly in, capable of engaging directly in, or being constructed to engage directly in oil and gas exploration or production in the offshore waters of the Eighth Coast Guard District (referred to hereafter collectively as “units”). Currently, these units are inspected by six separate OCMI offices across the Eighth Coast District. The Coast Guard believes that the consolidation of the six existing OCMI offices into one will promote efficiency and consistency for both the Coast Guard and the regulated industry.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received on or before September 6, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2013–0491 using any one of the following methods:

- (1) Online: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- (2) Fax: 202–493–2251.
- (3) Mail: Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground

Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(4) Hand delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

If you have questions on this notice, call or email Commander Michael Zamperini, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (202) 372–1230, email Michael.B.Zamperini@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
A. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments and related material in response to this notice. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG–2013–0491) and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online, or by fax, mail or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the instructions on that Web site. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule based on your comments.