

ensure there are sufficiently trained mariners by the time the Polar Code enters into force.

### Discussion

Recognizing that the operation of ships sailing in polar waters calls for specific education, training, experience and related qualifications for officers, Resolution 11 of the 2010 amendments to the STCW Convention included non-mandatory guidance on training for deck and engineer officers serving on ships operating in polar waters. The guidance is contained in Section B-V/g of the STCW Code. The training requirements of the Polar Code, however, go beyond what is addressed in Section B-V/g of the STCW Code, by utilizing a risk-assessment to address the applicability of different levels of training required for deck officers engaged on ships operating in polar waters. Chapter 12 of The Polar Code identifies the level of training required for deck officers on ships subject to the Polar Code taking into account the type of vessel and the ice conditions in the operating area. The levels of training are either Basic or Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters. The interim guidance in this policy is based upon the amendments to the STCW Convention and Code supporting the mandatory training requirements in Chapter 12 of the Polar Code.

The requirements to meet the standards of competence for Basic or Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters are defined in the STCW amendments supporting the Polar Code. A mariner may satisfy the standard of competence for Basic or Advanced Training in Polar Code Operations by meeting the respective sea service and training requirements prescribed in Enclosure (1) of the Policy Letter.

By meeting the basic or advanced training standard required by the Polar Code, mariners are also meeting the familiarization requirements of 46 CFR 15.405, which states that each credentialed mariner must be familiar with the relevant characteristics of the vessel appropriate to his or her duties and responsibilities prior to assuming those duties and responsibilities. On board a seagoing vessel, this responsibility rests with both the mariner and the employer as set forth in 46 CFR 15.1105, which requires mariners subject to STCW to complete familiarization training before performing any duty or being assigned any responsibility unless they are familiar with those duties and responsibilities and with all of the vessel's arrangements, installations, equipment, procedures, and

characteristics relevant to his or her routine and emergency duties or responsibilities.

If training regulations are published, training completed to meet the requirements described in the policy letter may be evaluated on a case by case basis, and considered to meet part of the transitional provisions of the training requirements for Basic or Advanced Polar Waters Operations.

### Voluntary Policy

The guidance provided in this policy letter is voluntary, except where existing regulatory requirements are discussed. Although it may assist the industry, public, Coast Guard, and other Federal and State regulators in applying existing statutory and regulatory requirements, the policy letter and guidance it contains are not a substitute for applicable legal requirements nor are they regulations themselves. We note the ongoing work of the IMO in this area, in particular regarding training of personnel engaged in polar waters. Developments within this body will be taken into account during possible future revisions of the draft policy letter. During the course of local operations, each Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) has discretionary authority on how best to address specific safety and security concerns within his or her area of responsibility consistent with 33 CFR 1.01-30. Nothing in the policy letter or the guidance it contains is meant to override or limit the discretion of the COTP when addressing the unique safety concerns of vessels operating in polar waters.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: February 8, 2016.

**J.G. Lantz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec Services, Llc, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that AmSpec Services, LLC, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of August 12, 2015.

**DATES: Effective Dates:** The accreditation and approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on August 12, 2015. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Approved Gauger and Accredited Laboratories Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that AmSpec Services, LLC, 100-B Redoubt Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. AmSpec Services, LLC is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API Chapters	Title
3 .....	Tank Gauging.
7 .....	Temperature Determination.
8 .....	Sampling.
9 .....	Density Determinations.
12 .....	Calculations.
17 .....	Maritime Measurement.

AmSpec Services, LLC is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM): Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform

may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:CBPGaugersLabs@cbp.dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. <http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>.

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-02	D1298	Standard Practice for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Meter
27-04	D95 ...	Standard Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation
27-06	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method
27-08	D86 ...	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products
27-11	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids
27-13	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
27-48	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-57	D7039	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Gasoline and Diesel Fuel by Monochromatic Wavelength Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
27-58	D5191	Standard Test Method For Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products

Dated: February 5, 2016.  
**Ira S. Reese,**  
*Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, As a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.  
**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of Inspectorate America Corporation as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to CBP regulations, that Inspectorate America Corporation has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes for the next three years as of July 22, 2015.

**DATES:** *Effective Dates:* The accreditation and approval of

Inspectorate America Corporation as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on July 22, 2015. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for July 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Approved Gauger and Accredited Laboratories Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services Directorate, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, tel. 202-344-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, that Inspectorate America Corporation, 2947 Dutton Mill Rd., Suite A-1, Aston, PA 19014, has been approved to gauge petroleum and certain petroleum products and accredited to test petroleum and certain petroleum products for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Inspectorate America Corporation is approved for the following gauging procedures for petroleum and certain petroleum products from the American Petroleum Institute (API):

API chapters	Title
3 .....	Tank Gauging
7 .....	Temperature Determination
8 .....	Sampling
9 .....	Density Determinations
12 .....	Calculations
17 .....	Maritime Measurement

Inspectorate America Corporation is accredited for the following laboratory analysis procedures and methods for petroleum and certain petroleum products set forth by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Laboratory Methods (CBPL) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

CBPL No.	ASTM	Title
27-02 .....	D1298	Standard Practice for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Meter.
27-03 .....	D4006	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation.
27-05 .....	D4928	Standard Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration.
27-06 .....	D473	Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method.
27-08 .....	D86	Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products.
27-11 .....	D445	Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids.
27-13 .....	D4294	Standard Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry.
27-48 .....	D4052	Standard Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter.
27-54 .....	D1796	Standard Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method.
27-58 .....	D5191	Standard Test Method For Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products.

Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the

entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively,

inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border