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**Background Information on NTP Peer-Review Panels:** NTP panels are technical, scientific advisory bodies established on an “as needed” basis to provide independent scientific peer review and advise NTP on agents of public health concern, new/ revised toxicological test methods, or other issues. These panels help ensure transparent, unbiased, and scientifically rigorous input to the program for its use in making credible decisions about human hazard, setting research and testing priorities, and providing information to regulatory agencies about alternative methods for toxicity screening. NTP welcomes nominations of scientific experts for upcoming panels. Scientists interested in serving on an NTP panel should provide their current curriculum vitae to Kate Helmick by email: [NTP-Meetings@icf.com](mailto:NTP-Meetings@icf.com). The authority for NTP panels is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a; section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The panel is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Dated: August 8, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0565]

#### Lifejacket Approval Harmonization

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces that it is harmonizing personal flotation device (PFD) standards between the United States and Canada by accepting a new standard for approval of PFDs. Specific elements of the new standard are contained in a policy letter and deregulatory savings analysis, on which we are requesting public comment, and are intended to promote the Coast Guard’s maritime safety and stewardship missions.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted to the online docket via <http://www.regulations.gov>, or reach the

Docket Management Facility, on or before October 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2018-0565 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about this document call or email Jacqueline Yurkovich, Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-1389, email [Jacqueline.M.Yurkovich@uscg.mil](mailto:Jacqueline.M.Yurkovich@uscg.mil).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Public Participation and Comments**

We encourage you to submit comments on the lifejacket approval harmonization policy letter entitled, ADOPTION OF ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-5 AND -9, and the deregulatory savings analysis entitled, “Approval for Personal Floatation Devices/Adoption of ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-5 and 9,” which are available in the docket. The policy letter is also available on the USCG website, <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/CG-ENG>, listed as CG-ENG Policy 02-18. We will consider all submissions and may adjust our final action based on your comments. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice, indicate the specific section of the document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments or other documents are posted.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24,

2005, issue of the **Federal Register** (70 FR 15086).

#### **Discussion**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has statutory authority under Title 46, U.S. Code, Sections 3306(a) and (b), 4102(a) and (b), 4302(a), and 4502(a) and (c)(2)(B) to prescribe regulations for the design, construction, performance, testing, carriage, use, and inspection of lifesaving equipment on commercial and recreational vessels. Since 2008, the USCG has been working closely with Transport Canada (TC) and a diverse group of U.S. and Canadian stakeholders to harmonize PFD standards with the current international standard (ISO 12402) to create a single North American standard for PFD approval. A single North American standard will allow manufacturers the opportunity to produce more innovative equipment that meets the approval requirements of both the United States and Canada.

In 2015, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. published bi-national standards<sup>1</sup> to set forth performance requirements and manufacturing standards for PFDs that are being used when vessels are close to shore, or where a rescue may be imminent. UL 12402-5 sets forth the performance requirements for PFDs and, within UL 12402-5, there are two levels of performance: Level 50 and Level 70. A Level 70 PFD provides an equivalent level of safety to a Type III PFD currently approved under 46 CFR 160.064, 160.076, or 160.077-15, and certified to UL 1123 (Marine Buoyant Devices). A Level 50 PFD provides a reduced level of performance, and is not included in this policy. UL 12402-9 sets forth the test methods for determining compliance with UL 12402-5.

In April 2017, the USCG and TC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining intended cooperation for approval of personal lifesaving appliances that comply with mutually acceptable standards, are tested by mutually accepted conformity assessment bodies or independent test laboratories, and are covered by a mutually acceptable follow-up program. In January 2018, TC published a policy stating it will accept UL 12402-5 as a substitute for its PFD standards in support of the MOU. The policy letter on which we are requesting comment builds on the efforts described above by establishing that the USCG will accept Level 70 PFDs complying

<sup>1</sup> ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-5, Standard for Personal Floatation Devices—Part 5: Buoyancy Aids (Level 50)—Safety Requirements (UL 12402-5), and ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-9, Standard for Personal Floatation Devices—Part 9: Test Methods (UL12402-9).

with UL 12402–5 as equivalent to PFDs meeting the requirements in 46 CFR 160.064 and 160.076, with certain exceptions.

The adoption of this policy marks the culmination of over a decade of dedicated work across the lifejacket and recreational boating safety community and supports National Boating Safety Advisory Council Resolution 2009–83–01, which is available in the docket.<sup>2</sup> This policy also responds to a comment submitted by the Lifejacket Association in response to the Coast Guard's request for public input on "Evaluation of Existing Coast Guard Regulations, Guidance Documents, Interpretive Documents, and Collections of Information,"<sup>3</sup> recommending the Coast Guard consider full adoption of UL 12402–5 and UL 12402–9. In order to provide the maximum benefit to the public with minimum delay, the Coast Guard evaluated which elements of the new standards could be implemented without a change to the regulations. Those elements are being adopted by this policy. The remaining elements of the standards that cannot be adopted without a change to the regulations are being considered for possible future regulatory action.

This policy letter allows manufacturers to have their products certified to the new bi-national standard, in lieu of the legacy standards codified in title 46 CFR. This allowance is intended to reduce the burden of maintaining approvals in U.S. and Canadian markets and to make additional types of PFDs available to U.S. and Canadian boaters.

This policy does not impact existing PFD approvals, and does not require any action on the part of boaters or mariners who have approved PFDs onboard. An existing approved PFD will continue to meet the same carriage requirements, as long as it remains in good and serviceable condition.

The Coast Guard has prepared a Deregulatory Savings Analysis for the policy letter that identifies and examines the potential costs and savings associated with implementing the new standards plan and is available in the docket. We request your comments on any concerns that you may have related to the policy changes.

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

<sup>2</sup> The Resolution requested the U.S. Coast Guard work cooperatively with stakeholders to devise and implement within 3 years an improved regulatory approach to the testing and approval of personal flotation devices, including life jackets.

<sup>3</sup> 82 FR 26632 (June 8, 2017).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022]

### Technical Mapping Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) will meet in person on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, and Wednesday, September 26, 2018, in Reston, Virginia. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The TMAC will meet on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. EDT. Please note that the meeting will close early if the TMAC has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Headquarters at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance by sending an email to [FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov) (Attention: Michael Nakagaki) by 11:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Members of the public must follow signs for the Visitor's Entrance on the U.S. Geological Survey Drive entrance of the USGS; once you pull into the Visitor's Entrance, facility security will direct you to parking and where to check in at the front desk of the visitor's entrance at the USGS. Photo identification is required.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the person listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered by the TMAC, as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Associated meeting materials will be available at [www.fema.gov/TMAC](http://www.fema.gov/TMAC) for review by Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Written comments to be considered by the committee at the time of the meeting must be submitted and received by Friday, September 21, 2018, identified by Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022, and submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** Address the email TO: [FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov) and CC: [FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov). Include Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022 in the subject line of the message. Include name and contact information in the body of the email.

- **Mail:** Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA, 500 C Street SW, Room 8NE, Washington, DC 20472–3100.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the words "Federal Emergency Management Agency" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**Docket:** For docket access to read background documents or comments received by the TMAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022.

A public comment period will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT and again on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes. The public comment period will not exceed 30 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker by close of business on Friday, September 21, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Nakagaki, Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, telephone (202) 212–2148, and email [michael.nakagaki@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:michael.nakagaki@fema.dhs.gov). The TMAC website is: <http://www.fema.gov/TMAC>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

In accordance with the *Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on: (1) How to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the (a) accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of