

Discussion

The Coast Guard announces the availability of CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-25. The new policy clarifies the Coast Guard's interpretation of regulatory changes for night watch monitoring devices promulgated in the interim rule titled, Fire Safety of Small Passenger Vessels, published December 27, 2021 (86 FR 73160).

The interim rule implemented requirements mandated by the Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2020, which amended title 46 U.S. Code section 3306(n). Section 3306(n) directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to prescribe fire safety regulations for "covered small passenger vessels," defined as small passenger vessels with overnight accommodations for passengers or operating on an oceans or coastwise route, excluding fishing vessels and ferries.

In particular, the interim rule required covered small passenger vessels to meet the requirements in 46 CFR 122.410 and 185.410 for night watch monitoring devices. CG-ENG developed Policy Letter 02-25 to provide clarity and uniformity to the enforcement of those sections.

A copy of CG-ENG Policy Letter 02-25 issued on July 29, 2025 is available in the docket where indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document and on CG-ENG's website, at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/ENG/Policy>.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 46 U.S.C. 3306(n).

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Engineering and Design Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket Number USCG-2025-0656]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V FLOR DE MAGA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the M/V FLOR DE MAGA (O.N. 1345508). We are issuing

this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the forward and aft masthead lights, M/V FLOR DE MAGA cannot fully comply with the light provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. This notification of the issuance of these certificates of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V FLOR DE MAGA was issued on August 20, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email Lieutenant Katherine Yoho, Southeast District Inspections and Investigations Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 305-415-7149, email Katherine.B.Yoho@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law, however, specified 72 COLREGS provisions are not applicable to a vessel of special construction or purpose if the Coast Guard determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with those requirements without interfering with the special function of the vessel.¹

The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,² and the Chief of the Prevention Division would then issue the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel's special function.³ If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish notice of this action in the **Federal Register**.⁴

The Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the M/V FLOR DE MAGA (O.N. 1345508) is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the positions of the forward

and aft masthead lights, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel's car deck. The Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District, U.S. Coast Guard, further finds and certifies that the lights are configured in closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.⁵

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

Dated: August 20, 2025.

Sarah J. Geoffrion,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket Number USCG-2025-0249]

Imposition of Conditions of Entry for Vessels Arriving to the United States From the Republic of Suriname

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that it will impose conditions of entry on vessels arriving from the Republic of Suriname. Conditions of entry are intended to protect the United States from vessels arriving from foreign ports or places that have been found to have ineffective antiterrorism measures.

DATES: The policy announced in this notice is effective on September 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document please contact Mr. Edward Munoz, Division Chief of International Port Security Program, USCG, at email HQS-DG-IPSProgramHQs@uscg.mil or call 202-372-2122.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

The authority for this notice is 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 46 U.S.C. 70110 ("Maritime Transportation Security Act"), and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1(II)(97.f), Revision No. 01.4. As delegated, 46 U.S.C. 70110(a) authorizes the Coast Guard to impose conditions of entry on vessels arriving in U.S. waters

¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605.

² 33 CFR 81.5.

³ 33 CFR 81.9.

⁴ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

⁵ 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.

from foreign ports that the Coast Guard has not found to maintain effective antiterrorism measures. The Coast Guard has determined that Suriname does not have effective antiterrorism measures in its ports.

With this notice, the current list of countries assessed and not maintaining effective antiterrorism measures is as follows: Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Equatorial Guinea, Gambia (The), Guinea-Bissau, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Madagascar, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Timor-Leste, Venezuela, and Yemen. The current Port Security Advisory is available at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Domestic-International-Port-Security-Assessments-CG-PSA/International-Port-Security-Program/International-Port-Security-Program-Port-Security-Advisory/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2025-0656]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V LA PRECIOSA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the M/V LA PRECIOSA (O.N. 1345509). We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the forward and aft masthead lights, M/V LA PRECIOSA cannot fully comply with the light provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. This notification of the issuance of these certificates of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V LA PRECIOSA was issued on August 20, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email Lieutenant Katherine Yoho, Southeast District Inspections and Investigations Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 305-415-7149, email Katherine.B.Yoho@uscg.mil.

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The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,² and the Chief of the Prevention Division would then issue the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel's special function.³ If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish notice of this action in the **Federal Register**.⁴

The Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the M/V LA PRECIOSA (O.N. 1345509) is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the positions of the forward and aft masthead lights, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel's car deck. The Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District, U.S. Coast Guard, further finds and certifies that the lights are configured in closest possible compliance with the

applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.⁵

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

Dated: August 20, 2025.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2025-0656]

Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V ISLA DEL ENCANTO

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Chief of Prevention Division, Southeast District has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the M/V ISLA DEL ENCANTO (O.N. 1345510). We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the forward and aft masthead lights, M/V ISLA DEL ENCANTO cannot fully comply with the light provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. This notification of the issuance of these certificates of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

DATES: The Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the M/V ISLA DEL ENCANTO was issued on August 20, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information or questions about this notice call or email Lieutenant Katherine Yoho, Southeast District Inspections and Investigations Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 305-415-7149, email Katherine.B.Yoho@uscg.mil.

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¹ 33 U.S.C. 1605.

² 33 CFR 81.5.

³ 33 CFR 81.9.

⁴ 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

⁵ 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.