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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; Amendment**

**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), acting pursuant to authority delegated from the Secretary of the Navy: has determined that USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)

is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special functions as a naval aircraft carrier. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 8, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Richard T. Evans, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Department of the Navy, Office of the Judge Advocate General, 1322 Patterson Avenue, Suite 3000, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 706. The Secretary of the Navy previously certified that USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully with 72 COLREGS. 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 amended that certification to reflect that certain anchor lights on USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), previously certified as not in compliance with 72

COLREGS, now comply with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements, to wit: the forward and aft anchor lights are now located on the centerline of the ship, the required height above the hull, as required by Rules 21(e), 30(a)(i), and 30 (a)(ii).

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.

**PART 706—[AMENDED]**

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for Part 706 continues to read:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1605.

**§ 706.2 [AMENDED]**

2. Table Two of § 706.2 is amended by revising the entry for USS NIMITZ (CVN 68):

TABLE 2

| Vessel           | Number | Masthead lights, distance to stbd of keel in meters; Rule 21(a) | Forward anchor light, distance below flight dk in meters; § 2(K), Annex I | Forward anchor light, number of; Rule 30(a) (i) | AFT anchor light, distance below flight dk in meters; Rule 21(e), Rule 30(a)(ii) | AFT anchor light, number of; Rule 30(a) (ii) | Side lights, distance below flight dk in meters; § 2(g), Annex I | Side lights, distance forward of forward mast-head light in meters; § 3(b), Annex I | Side lights, distance in-board of ship's sides in meters; § 3(b), Annex I |
|------------------|--------|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| USS NIMITZ ..... | CVN 68 | 31.0  | .....   | .....   | .....  | .....  | 0.7  | .....   | .....   |

Dated: June 8, 2001.

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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 of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has determined that USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 30, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander Gregg A. Cervi, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate

General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Office of the Judge Advocate General, 1322 Patterson Avenue, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5066, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

**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 of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following

specific provision of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I paragraph 3(a) pertaining to the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (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 16 of § 706.2 is amended by revising, in numerical order, the following entry for U.S.S. ROOSEVELT:

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

| *                   | *      | *  | * | * | * |
|---------------------|--------|--|---|---|---|
| Vessel              | Number | Obstruction angle relative ship's headings |   |   |   |
| *                   | *      | *  | * | * | * |
| USS ROOSEVELT ..... | DDG 80 | 109.34 thru 112.50°.                       |   |   |   |
| *                   | *      | *  | * | * | * |

3. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by revising, in numerical order, the following entry for U.S.S. ROOSEVELT:

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

TABLE FIVE

| *                   | *      | *  | *   | *  | *   | * |
|---------------------|--------|--|---|--|---|---|
| Vessel              | Number | Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f) | Forward masthead light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a) | After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward masthead light. annex I, sec. 3(a) | Percentage horizontal separation attained |   |
| *                   | *      | *  | *   | *  | *   | * |
| USS ROOSEVELT ..... | DDG 80 | X  | X   | X  | 14.6                                      |   |
| *                   | *      | *  | *   | *  | *   | * |

Dated: May 30, 2001.

**G.A. Cervi,**

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

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**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) has determined that USS OSCAR AUSTIN (DDG 79) 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 10, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Commander Gregg A. Cervi, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, 1322 Patterson

Ave., SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

**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 of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS OSCAR AUSTIN (DDG 79) 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