

1996—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-324 inserted “as measured under section 14502 of this title, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of this title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of this title” after “100 gross tons”.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-557 amended subsec. (a) generally, which prior to amendment read as follows: “A vessel of the United States on a voyage between a port in the United States and a port in a foreign country, and a vessel of the United States of at least 75 gross tons on a voyage between a port of the United States on the Atlantic Ocean and a port of the United States on the Pacific Ocean, shall have an official logbook.”

§ 11302. Manner of making entries

Each entry made in the official logbook—

- (1) shall be made as soon as possible after the occurrence;
(2) if not made on the day of the occurrence, shall be dated and state the date of the occurrence;
(3) if the entry is about an occurrence happening before the vessel’s arrival at the final port of discharge, shall be made not later than 24 hours after the arrival;
(4) shall be signed by the master; and
(5) shall be signed by the chief mate or another seaman.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 581.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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Section 11302 describes the manner in which entries shall be made in the logbook, specifying when they shall be made, who shall sign them, and requiring that they shall be dated.

§ 11303. Penalties

- (a) A master failing to maintain an official logbook as required by this part is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of \$200.
(b) A master failing to make an entry in the vessel’s official logbook as required by this part is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of \$200.
(c) A person is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of \$150 when the person makes, procures to be made, or assists in making, an entry in the vessel’s official logbook—
(1) later than 24 hours after the vessel’s arrival at the final port of discharge; and
(2) that is about an occurrence that happened before that arrival.

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Section 11303 provides a penalty for violation of the provisions about logbooks in this part.

§ 11304. Additional logbook and entry requirements

(a) A vessel of the United States that is subject to inspection under section 3301 of this title, except a vessel on a voyage from a port in the

United States to a port in Canada, shall have a logbook, which may be in any form, including electronic, and shall be kept available for review by the Secretary on request.

(b) The logbook required by subsection (a) shall include the following entries:

- (1) The time when each seaman and each officer assumed or relieved the watch.
(2) The number of hours in service to the vessels of each seaman and each officer.
(3) Each illness of, and injury to, a seaman of the vessel, the nature of the illness or injury, and the medical treatment provided for the injury or illness.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title VI, §607(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2967; amended Pub. L. 115-282, title V, §511, Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4274.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-282, §511(a)(1), substituted “a logbook, which may be in any form, including electronic, and” for “an official logbook, which”.
Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-282, §511(b), which directed amendment of section 11304(b), without specifying the title to be amended, by substituting “logbook” for “log book”, was executed to this section in the introductory provisions of subsec. (b), to reflect the probable intent of Congress.
Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 115-282, §511(a)(2), amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: “An account of each accident, illness, and injury that occurs during each watch.”

CHAPTER 115—OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

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§ 11501. Penalties for specified offenses

When a seaman lawfully engaged commits any of the following offenses, the seaman shall be punished as specified:

- (1) For desertion, the seaman forfeits any part of the money or property the seaman leaves on board and any part of earned wages.
(2) For neglecting or refusing without reasonable cause to join the seaman’s vessel or to proceed to sea in the vessel, for absence without leave within 24 hours of the vessel’s sailing from a port (at the beginning or during the voyage), or for absence without leave from duties and without sufficient reason, the seaman forfeits from the seaman’s wages not more than 2 days’ pay or a sufficient amount to defray expenses incurred in hiring a substitute.
(3) For quitting the vessel without leave after the vessel’s arrival at the port of delivery and before the vessel is placed in security, the seaman forfeits from the seaman’s wages not more than one month’s pay.
(4) For willful disobedience to a lawful command at sea, the seaman, at the discretion of the master, may be confined until the disobedience ends, and on arrival in port forfeits