

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
12107 .....	46 App.:14 (words before last proviso).	R.S. §4136 (words before last proviso); Feb. 24, 1915, ch. 57, 38 Stat. 812; Pub. L. 103-182, title VI, §686(a)(4), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2220.

The words “The Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement” and “when purchased by a citizen or citizens of the United States” are omitted as unnecessary because section 12112, as revised by the bill, provides the requirements for a wrecked vessel to obtain a coastwise endorsement.

In subsection (c)(1), the words “or her possessions” are omitted as unnecessary because of the definition of “United States” in chapter 1 of the revised title.

## Editorial Notes

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 12107, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 100-239, §6(a)(4), (5), Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1782; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(7), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921, originally derived from section 65j of former Title 46, Shipping, related to Great Lakes endorsements, prior to being repealed by Pub. L. 104-324, title XI, §1115(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3972.

A prior section 12108, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 98-454, title III, §301(c), Oct. 5, 1984, 98 Stat. 1734; Pub. L. 100-239, §§3(4), (5), 6(a)(6), Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1779, 1782; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(8), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(a) [title II, §211(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-41; Pub. L. 104-324, title III, §301(e), title VII, §744, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3917, 3942; Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §409, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2117, originally derived from section 65k of former Title 46, Shipping, related to fishery endorsements, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See sections 12102, 12113, and 12116 of this title.

A prior section 12109, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 587; Pub. L. 99-36, §1(a)(7)(C), May 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 67; Pub. L. 99-570, title III, §3151, Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3207-94; Pub. L. 100-710, title I, §106(b)(5), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4752; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(9), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1921; Pub. L. 101-595, title VI, §603(9), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2993, originally derived from section 65l of former Title 46, Shipping, related to recreational endorsements, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See section 12114 of this title.

A prior section 12110, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 588; Pub. L. 99-36, §1(a)(7)(D), May 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 67; Pub. L. 100-710, title I, §104(a)(4), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4750; Pub. L. 101-225, title III, §301(a)(10), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1922; Pub. L. 102-388, title III, §348(b), Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1554; Pub. L. 102-587, title V, §5213(a)(2), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5077; Pub. L. 104-324, title III, §301(c), (d)(1), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3916; Pub. L. 108-293, title IV, §404(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1043, originally derived from section 65m of former Title 46, Shipping, related to limitations on operations authorized by certificates, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-304. See sections 12102, 12114, and 12131 of this title.

### § 12108. Authority to extend duration of vessel certificates

(a) CERTIFICATES.—Provided a vessel is in compliance with inspection requirements in section 3313, the Secretary of the department in which in the Coast Guard is operating may, if the Secretary makes the determination described in subsection (b), extend, for a period of not more

than 1 year, an expiring certificate of documentation issued for a vessel under chapter 121.

(b) DETERMINATION.—The determination referred to in subsection (a) is a determination that such extension is required to enable the Coast Guard to—

- (1) eliminate a backlog in processing applications for such certificates; or
- (2) act in response to a national emergency or natural disaster.

(c) MANNER OF EXTENSION.—Any extension granted under this section may be granted to individual vessels or to a specifically identified group of vessels.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LXXXIII], §8320(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4701.)

### SUBCHAPTER II—ENDORSEMENTS AND SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION

#### § 12111. Registry endorsement

(a) REQUIREMENTS.—A registry endorsement may be issued for a vessel that satisfies the requirements of section 12103 of this title.

(b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY.—A vessel for which a registry endorsement is issued may engage in foreign trade or trade with Guam, American Samoa, Wake, Midway, or Kingman Reef.

(c) CERTAIN VESSELS OWNED BY TRUSTS.—

(1) NONAPPLICATION OF BENEFICIARY CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.—For the issuance of a certificate of documentation with only a registry endorsement, the beneficiaries of a trust are not required to be citizens of the United States if the trust qualifies under paragraph (2) and the vessel is subject to a charter to a citizen of the United States.

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUST TO QUALIFY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), a trust qualifies under this paragraph with respect to a vessel only if—

(i) each trustee is a citizen of the United States; and

(ii) the application for documentation of the vessel includes the affidavit of each trustee stating that the trustee is not aware of any reason involving a beneficiary of the trust that is not a citizen of the United States, or involving any other person that is not a citizen of the United States, as a result of which the beneficiary or other person would hold more than 25 percent of the aggregate power to influence or limit the exercise of the authority of the trustee with respect to matters involving any ownership or operation of the vessel that may adversely affect the interests of the United States.

(B) AUTHORITY OF NON-CITIZENS.—If any person that is not a citizen of the United States has authority to direct or participate in directing a trustee for a trust in matters involving any ownership or operation of the vessel that may adversely affect the interests of the United States or in removing a trustee for a trust without cause, either directly or indirectly through the control of another person, the trust is not qualified under this paragraph unless the trust instrument provides that persons who are not citi-