

CHAPTER 145—REGULATORY MEASUREMENT**SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL**

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This chapter provides for the measurement of vessels for the purpose of the application of domestic laws.

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2010—Pub. L. 111-281, title III, §303(j), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2926, added item 14514.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

This subchapter contains the general provisions for implementing regulatory measurement systems.

§ 14501. Application

This chapter applies to the following:

- (1) A vessel not measured under chapter 143 of this title if the application of an international agreement or other law of the United States to the vessel depends on the vessel's tonnage.
- (2) A vessel measured under chapter 143 of this title if the owner requests that the vessel also be measured under this chapter as provided in section 14305 of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title V, §5101(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1923; Pub. L. 111-281, title III, §303(g), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2925.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES*Revised section 14501*

Source: Section (U.S. Code) 46 App. U.S.C. 71.

Section 14501 delineates the vessels that must be measured under this chapter, i.e. under the regulatory tonnage measurement system. Section 14501(1) states that a vessel must be measured under this chapter if the vessel has not been measured under the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, and if the vessel is to be documented as a vessel of the United States under chapter 121 of this subtitle, or if the application of a United States law depends on the vessel's tonnage. Section 14501(2) states that a vessel must be measured under the regulatory measurement system if the owner requests.

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2010—Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-281, §303(g)(1), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: "a vessel not measured under chapter 143 of this title if—

"(A) the vessel is to be documented under chapter 121 of this title; or

"(B) the application of a law of the United States to the vessel depends on the vessel's tonnage."

Par. (2). Pub. L. 111-281, §303(g)(2), substituted "A vessel" for "a vessel".

§ 14502. Measurement

The Secretary shall measure a vessel to which this chapter applies in the way provided by this chapter.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title V, §5101(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1923.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES*Revised section 14502*

Source: Section (U.S. Code) 46 App. U.S.C. 71, 77, 83.

Section 14502 requires the Secretary to measure a vessel to which this chapter applies as provided by this chapter.

§ 14503. Certificate of measurement

(a) The Secretary shall prescribe the certificate to be issued as evidence of a vessel's measurement under this chapter.

(b) The certificate shall be maintained as required by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title V, §5101(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1923; Pub. L. 111-281, title III, §303(e)(2), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2925.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES*Revised section 14503*

Source: Section (U.S. Code) 46 App. U.S.C. 72.

Section 14503 requires the Secretary to issue a certificate, in a manner that is to be prescribed by the Secretary, as evidence of a vessel's regulatory measurement.

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

§ 14504. Remeasurement

(a) To the extent necessary, the Secretary shall remeasure a vessel to which this chapter applies if—

- (1) the Secretary or the owner alleges an error in its measurement;
- (2) the vessel or the use of its space is changed in a way that substantially affects its tonnage;

(3) after being measured under subchapter III of this chapter, the vessel becomes subject to subchapter II of this chapter because the vessel or its use is changed; or

(4) although not required to be measured under subchapter II of this chapter, the vessel was measured under subchapter II and the owner requests that the vessel be measured under subchapter III of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in this section and chapter 143 of this title, a vessel that has been measured does not have to be remeasured to obtain another document or endorsement under chapter 121 of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-509, title V, §5101(3), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1923.)

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Source: Section (U.S. Code) 46 App. U.S.C. 71.