

recording as a preferred mortgage only if it meets the requirements of this part and the requirements of 46 CFR 356.19.

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13. Add subpart V to read as follows:

Subpart V—Exemption from Fishery Endorsement Requirements Due to Conflict With International Agreements

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Subpart V—Exemption from Fishery Endorsement Requirements Due to Conflict With International Agreements

§ 67.350 Conflicts with international agreements.

(a) If you are an owner or mortgagee of a fishing vessel less than 100 feet in length and believe that there is a conflict between this part 67 and any international treaty or agreement to which the United States is a party on October 1, 2001, and to which the United States is currently a party, you may petition the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) for a ruling that all or sections of this part 67 do not apply to you with respect to a particular vessel, provided that you had an ownership interest in the vessel or a mortgage on the vessel on October 1, 2001. You may file your petition with the NVDC before October 1, 2001, with respect to international treaties or agreements in effect at the time of your petition which are not scheduled to expire before October 1, 2001.

(b) If you are filing a petition for exemption with the NVDC for reasons stated in paragraph (a) of this section, your petition must include:

(1) Evidence of the ownership structure of the vessel petitioning for an exemption as of October 1, 2001, and any subsequent changes to the ownership structure of the vessel;

(2) A copy of the provisions of the international agreement or treaty that you believe is in conflict with this part;

(3) A detailed description of how the provisions of the international agreement or treaty conflict with this part;

(4) For all petitions filed before October 1, 2001, a certification that the owner intends to transfer no ownership interest in the vessel to a non-U.S. citizen for the following year.

(5) For all petitions filed after October 1, 2001, a certification that no ownership interest was transferred to a non-U.S. citizen after September 30, 2001.

(c) You must file a separate petition for each vessel requiring an exemption unless the NVDC authorizes

consolidated filing. Petitions should include two copies of all required materials and should be sent to the following address: National Vessel Documentation Center, 792 TJ Jackson Drive, Falling Water, West Virginia, 25419.

(d) Upon receipt of a complete petition, the NVDC will review the petition to determine whether the effective international treaty or agreement and the requirements of this part are in conflict. If the NVDC determines that this part conflicts with the effective international treaty or agreement, then the NVDC will inform you of the guidelines and requirements you must meet and maintain to qualify for a fisheries endorsement.

(e) If the vessel is determined through the petition process to be exempt from all or sections of the requirements of this part, then you must annually, from the date of exemption, submit the following evidence of its ownership structure to the NVDC:

(1) The vessel's current ownership structure;

(2) The identity of all non-citizen owners and the percentages of their ownership interest in the vessel;

(3) Any changes in the ownership structure that have occurred since you last submitted evidence of the vessel's ownership structure to the NVDC; and

(4) A statement ensuring that no interest in the vessel was transferred to a non-citizen during the previous year.

§ 67.352 Applicability.

The exemption in this subpart shall not be available to:

(a) Owners and mortgagees of a fishing vessel less than 100 feet in length who acquired an interest in the vessel after October 1, 2001; or

(b) Owners of a fishing vessel less than 100 feet in length, if any ownership interest in that vessel is transferred to or otherwise acquired by a non-U.S. citizen after October 1, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Parts 110 and 111

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Marine Shipboard Electrical Cable Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is reopening the period for public comment on its notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on Marine Shipboard Electrical Cable Standards. Because of several requests for additional time to comment, the Coast Guard is reopening the comment period for 45 days.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments and related material by any one of the following methods (but by only one, to avoid multiple listings in the public docket):

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, [USCG-1999-6096], U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on the substance of the rulemaking, call Dolores Mercier, Project Manager, Office of Design and Engineering Standards, (G-MSE), Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-0658. For questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief of Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on Marine Shipboard Electrical Cable Standards, published on February 8, 2000 (65 FR 6111), encouraged interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data,

views, or arguments by May 8, 2000. On June 5, 2000, we published a notice of public meeting and reopened the comment period until July 7, 2000 (65 FR 35600). The public meeting was held on June 28, 2000. We are again reopening the comment period until September 11, 2000.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this docket (USCG-1999-6096) and the specific section of the NPRM to

which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit one copy of each comment and attachment in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing, to the DOT Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If you want acknowledgment of receipt of your comment, enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this NPRM in view of them.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

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Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Standards.

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