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### COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL STATUTORY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

This MSIB is intended to remind owners and operators of U.S. flagged vessels engaged on voyages to comply with all applicable U.S. regulations and international conventions and codes, including maintenance of statutory certificates. The intent of this reminder is to promote safety and prevent potential enforcement action taken against vessels failing to comply.

**Background:** A recent investigation involving U.S. flagged fishing vessels in the Activities Far East zone has shown a rise in vessels operating with missing statutory certificates including the International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate, International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) and the Anti-fouling System (IAFS) Certificate. Civil penalty actions are currently being considered by this office as a result of these violations.

It is imperative that U.S. flagged vessels adhere to their statutory certificate requirements while engaged on any voyage. Valid certificates not only assure foreign port state control (PSC) authorities that the standards pertaining to ship stability, structure, safety equipment and machinery are adhered to, they also prevent undue delays, detentions and fines. Compliance also goes a long way to improving the international standing of the U.S. Merchant fleet.

My staff and I stand ready to assist vessels, owners and operators in this compliance effort. For additional information or clarification regarding this Marine Safety Information Bulletin, please direct your questions and comments via email to [feact@uscg.mil](mailto:feact@uscg.mil). Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark J. McCadden".

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