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U.S. Flag Compliance with MARPOL Annex VI International Energy Efficiency (IEE) Requirements

Today the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published a *Federal Register* notice announcing that International Maritime Organization Resolution MEPC.203(62) amended Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

On July 15, 2011, the IMO formally adopted Resolution MEPC.203(62), which entered into force on January 1, 2013, and amends MARPOL Annex VI by adding Chapter 4 and amending existing regulations in Annex VI. These amendments require the issuance of an International Energy Efficiency Certificate and the preparation of a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan for both new and existing ships. To obtain the certificate, (1) new ships, (2) new ships when they undergo a major conversion, and (3) existing ships that undergo a major conversion (so extensive that it is regarded as a newly constructed ship) after January 1, 2013 must first have an Attained Energy Efficiency Design Index.

These requirements apply to all U.S. flag ships 400 gross tons and above that engage in voyages to ports or offshore terminals under the jurisdiction of other Parties to MARPOL. The Coast Guard Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC) has issued Policy Letter 13-02 to provide amplifying guidance on U.S. implementation of MARPOL Annex VI Chapter 4 and associated requirements.

The notice and associated documents may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2012-1095.

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