



# Portable Accommodation Modules (PAMs)

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# Overview

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# References

- CG-ENG Policy Letter 01-16  
PORTABLE ACCOMODATION MODULE (PAM)  
GUIDANCE



# Applicability

- PAMs that do not exceed 46'l x 16'w x 10'h.
- All new PAMs.
- Existing PAMs must comply with sections 5.c (Installation and Inspection) and 5.d (Documentation) of the new policy.
- Host vessels that PAMs are installed.



# What is a PAM

- Sleeping Cabins
- Offices
- Hospitals
- Dining spaces
- Lavatories
- Galleys
- Weight rooms / gyms
- Laundries
- Laboratories
- Workshops
- ROV control rooms
- Dive control rooms
- Similar spaces



# Design - construction

- Each new PAM must be designed and constructed to meet the design and construction standards of the host vessel on which it is intended to be installed.
- Examples D, I, I-A, L <36, >36, O and SOLAS.



# Design - construction

- Alternative standards may be accepted on a case-by-case basis by the Marine Safety Center.
- Normal construction oversight of PAMs will be conducted by an attending CG marine inspector.



# Design – construction Classed units

- PAMs can be classed with an ACS. If so, the OCMI may accept an ACS approval for plan review. ACS approval must be to the standards contained in CG-ENG Policy LTR 01-16.



# Installation and Inspection Non-ACP

- Submit application for inspection to OCMI prior to installation.
- Installation plans must be reviewed and approved by the MSC.
- USCG marine inspector will attend vessel to inspect the installation for compliance with approved plans.
- USCG marine inspector will issue COI amendment reflecting **ALL** changes made.



# Installation and Inspection ACP

- Notify ACS of installation. Submit engineering plans for review.
- ACS surveyor will conduct inspections ensuring installation IAW approved plans.
- Notify OCMI to schedule inspection for increase in passengers/workers/crew.
- USCG marine inspector will issue COI amendment reflecting **ALL** changes made.



# Installation and Inspection all vessels

- PAMs are **subject to inclusion of the host vessel tonnage.**
- Vessel owner is responsible for contacting an authorized measurement organization for remeasurement determination.



# Documentation

- The owner of the PAM should maintain a record for each Portable Accommodation Module.
  - The record should include: GA, approved plans for fab/alteration, installation plans, approval letters, record of repair, & record of installation.
- Host vessel owner will notify OCMI upon removal of PAM and document accordingly.



# Maintenance, Repair, Modification

- All PAMs should be maintained IAW applicable regulations and standards.
- Any modification, alteration or repair should be communicated to the OCMI and plans submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Marine Safety Center.
- Repairs, modifications and alterations of existing PAMs must be made IAW Policy LTR 01-16.

# Questions?

