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Validation of Merchant Mariner's Vital Information and Issuance of Merchant Mariner's Licenses and Certificates of Registry

January 19, 2006

The Coast Guard is amending the maritime personnel licensing rules to include new security requirements when a mariner applies for an original, renewal, duplicate or raise of grade of Licenses and Certificates of Registry. This interim rule, which went into effect on January 13, 2006, requires all applicants to have their identity checked and their fingerprints taken for a criminal record review by the Coast Guard. To accomplish this, a mariner will be required to appear at a Regional Examination Center (REC) to provide fingerprints, and allow the REC staff to evaluate the information provided on the mariner's application at the REC.

Mariners wishing to comment on this interim rule, may submit comments to the Docket Management Facility using Docket Number USCG-2004-17455. Submissions may be made by:

1. Faxing the comments to: 202-493-2251
2. Submitting them via Web Site at: <http://dms.dot.gov>
3. Or by mailing the written comments to: Docket Management Facility
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington DC 20590-0001

Any questions regarding this information may be addressed to your local REC. A link to the Friday, January 13, 2006 Federal Register, where this interim rule appears, may be found at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/p84/381773.pdf>.


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