Q: Does this rule apply to all cruise vessels, regardless of size or age?
A: No, this rule applies to each passenger vessel, U.S. and foreign-flagged, that has overnight accommodations for at least 250 passengers and is on a voyage that 1) embarks or disembarks passengers in the U.S, and 2) is not a coastwise voyage.

Security latches and time-sensitive key technology for staterooms and cabins are only required for vessels with a keel-laid date after July 27, 2010.

Q: How do I know if a training provider for crewmember safety and security training is MARAD certified?
A: MARAD will issue a certification to the training organization. MARAD will also publish the names of certified training providers on the MARAD Web site.

Q: Are there any technical specifications required for fall-overboard detection systems?
A: No, the rule provides flexible performance-based standards that may be met using a variety of technological equipment and systems.

If you have specific questions regarding the content of the proposed rule, please contact LT Jason Kling, at the Office of Design & Engineering Standards, CG-ENG-1 at 202-372-1361 or Jason.m.kling@uscg.mil.

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