

LGCNCOE FIELD NOTICE #01-2012

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Subject: MARVS and Certificate of Fitness

For: US Coast Guard Foreign Gas Carrier Examiners/OCMI Reps

CG-ENG policy letter No. 04-12 provides guidance on the use of alternate Maximum Allowable Relief Valve Settings (MARVS), as established in 46 CFR 154.447 and 46 CFR 154.450, in certain circumstances where tanks are built to the 1993 IGC Code, amended through 1 October 1994. A copy of the policy letter is available here:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg521/docs/CG-ENG.PolicyLetter.04-12.pdf>

As noted in PSC Information Message for September 2012, the Marine Safety Center (MSC) will apply this new policy during their SOE review and any accepted equivalent MARVS will be reflected in a vessel's SOE. This process should be transparent at the field unit. It is expected that some ship operators will wish to pursue application of this policy to their vessel prior to the expiration date of the current COC and SOE. In those cases, the company should be directed to coordinate with the MSC for plan review. Subsequent re-issuance of the revised SOE and/or COC will, of course, be at the discretion of the OCMI.

The purpose of this field notice is to clarify potential misinterpretations of the policy in the field, particularly with respect to paragraph 6.a.2 regarding the Certificate of Fitness issued by a U.S. Coast Guard Recognized Classification Society.

Foreign Gas Carrier Examiners (FGCE) enforcing this policy on foreign vessels should not restrict application of this paragraph to only the classification societies authorized to issue the COF on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for U.S. vessels (currently ABS, DNV, and LR per the status table provided by link in the policy letter). On foreign vessels, this policy may be applied to all recognized classification societies (currently ABS, DNV, LR, GL, BV, RINA, and ClassNK per the same table).

A rough list of ships to which this new policy may apply is provided as an attachment to this notice. It was assembled using available MISLE data and may hold some inaccuracies. It is provided as a starting point only, for informational or planning purposes.

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Vessel Name	IMO Number	Flag	Vessel Subtype
JOTAGAS	9131101	AG	LPG
JOHANN SCHULTE	9155341	GB	LPG
NAVIGATOR VENUS	9177557	LR	LPG
NAVIGATOR SATURN	9177569	LR	General
OMEGAGAS	9177959	AG	LPG
HAPPY BRIDE	9181900	IM	General
SIGMAGAS	9183568	AG	LPG
NEWMARKET	9205574	BS	UNSPECIFIED
GAZ MILLENNIUM	9229233	PA	General
GALLINA	9236626	SG	LNG
GEMMATA	9253222	SG	LNG
QUEEN ZENOBIA	9256535	LR	LPG
ARCTIC VOYAGER	9275335	BS	LNG
INTERCEPTOR	9291224	PA	General
LUIGI LAGRANGE	9292759	IT	LPG
BRITISH COMMERCE	9307750	IM	LPG
SYLVIE	9332066	HK	LPG
ISABELLA KOSAN	9342384	IM	LPG
KENT	9343118	LR	LPG
JBU FORTH	9368194	PA	LPG
SANKO INNOVATOR	9369772	LR	General
BW AUSTRIA	9370537	NO	LPG
CLIPPER ORION	9372420	NO	LPG
CLIPPER NEPTUN	9372432	NO	LPG
ERNEST N	9377236	LR	LPG
CLIPPER HERMES	9378151	NO	LPG
NORGAS INNOVATION	9378278	SG	LNG
NORGAS CREATION	9378280	SG	LPG
NISYROS	9412062	GR	LPG
TELENDOS	9412086	GR	LPG
GASCHEM BREMEN	9471032	LR	LPG
GAZ EXPLORER	9506150	PA	LPG
MAERSK GLOBAL	9536375	SG	LPG