

New and Pending Uninspected Towing Vessel (UTV) Regulations

NEW – These rules have been published within the last year as final and may be enforced on the “effective date” as indicated.

[USCG-1999-6580] Certification of Navigation Lights for Uninspected Commercial Vessels and Recreational Vessels

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is requiring domestic manufacturers of vessels to install only certified navigation lights on all newly manufactured uninspected commercial vessels and recreational vessels. This rule aligns the requirements for these lights with those for inspected commercial vessels and with requirements for all other mandatory safety equipment carried on board all vessels. The Coast Guard expects the resulting reduction in the use of noncompliant lights to improve safety on the water.

UPDATE – SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is delaying the effective date of the final rule on Certification of Navigation Lights for Uninspected Commercial Vessels and Recreational Vessels published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2001. The final rule requires domestic manufacturers of vessels to install only certified navigation lights on all newly manufactured uninspected commercial vessels and recreational vessels. This rule aligns the requirements for these lights with those for inspected commercial vessels and with requirements for all other mandatory safety equipment carried on board all vessels. The Coast Guard expects the resulting reduction in the use of noncompliant lights to improve safety on the water.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final rule is effective on November 1, 2003.

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**PENDING** – These rules are in the being developed, and may be open for comment as indicated in the summary.

### **[USCG-2000-6931] Fire-Suppression Systems and Voyage Planning for Towing Vessels**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

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**SUMMARY:** On April 29, 2003, the Coast Guard published an interim rule that modifies and implements both the requirements for the installation of fire-suppression systems in the engine rooms of towing vessels and the requirements for voyage planning. As modified, this rule aims at reducing the number of uncontrolled engine-room fires and other mishaps on towing vessels. The voyage planning requirement is effective August 27, 2003. Owners that need to install fire-suppression equipment on their towing vessels will have two years after the effective date of this rule to comply.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This interim rule is effective on August 27, 2003.