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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION M16000.7A

Subj: USCG MARINE SAFETY MANUAL, VOL. II: MATERIEL INSPECTION

1. PURPOSE. This Manual is for the information, use and guidance of Coast Guard personnel and the maritime industry. It presents the authority, background, and rationale for the various activities which comprise the federal program for accomplishing vessel, facility, and equipment inspections. This volume provides amplifying guidance to the essential functions which must be performed to attain the overall marine safety objectives of the Coast Guard.

2. ACTION. District commanders and commanding officers shall ensure that personnel performing marine safety duties are familiar with the provisions of this volume. In cases of apparent conflict between this volume and provisions of statutes or regulations, the latter provisions shall be applied and Commandant (G-MOC) shall be advised of the apparent conflict. In cases where there is an apparent conflict between the volume and current marine practice, Commandant (G-MOC) should be contacted for further resolution of the matter. Appropriate action will be taken in such cases to correct conflicting provisions of this volume.

3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. The USCG Marine Safety Manual, Volume II: Materiel Inspection, COMDTINST M16000.7 dated 22 July 1985 and all MVI/MOC policy letters issued prior to 01-99 are hereby cancelled.

4. DISCUSSION.
 - a. This Manual incorporates all MVI/MOC Policy Letters issued prior to MOC Policy Letter No. 01-99 and reorganizes related chapters of the USCG Marine Safety Manual Volume II: Materiel Inspection, COMDTINST 16000.7 (canceled) into sections. It should be noted that not all content of this Manual has been fully updated. However, Section D (Port State Control Examinations) includes many changes not prescribed in

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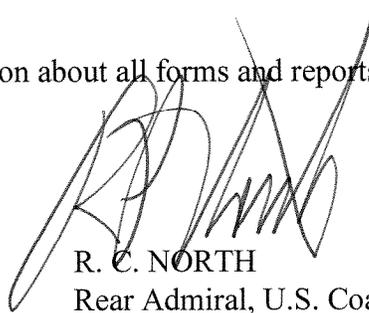
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previous policy letters. This section should be read thoroughly. The content of this manual will be updated on a continuous basis.

- b. An electronic (non-official) copy of the Manual can be found via the Coast Guard Internet Website (<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/pubs/msm/>).
 - c. The Prologue outlines the reorganization of this Manual, the location in the Manual where policy letters have been incorporated, and a cross-reference guide between old cites and new cites in the Manual. This should be extremely useful in familiarizing users of the Manual with the new structure.
 - d. Comments, improvements, corrections, suggestions, new input, and recommendations by district and field personnel are encouraged and should be forwarded to Commandant (G-MOC).
5. FORMS/REPORTS. Information about all forms and reports referenced in this document can be found in Appendix D.



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