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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MARINERS REGARDING ADDITION  
OF THE HRR PIP COLOR VISION TEST AS AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVED  
VISION TEST**

This information bulletin is intended to advise the maritime community, especially those medical practitioners conducting physical exams for merchant mariners, that the Coast Guard has accepted the Hardy, Rand and Rittler (HRR) Pseudoisochromatic Plate (PIP) 4<sup>th</sup> Edition color vision test from Richmond Products, Inc. as an alternative approved vision test for merchant mariner physical evaluations.

The HRR PIP 4<sup>th</sup> Edition color vision test joins the list of approved color vision tests in enclosure 5 of Navigation and Inspection Circular (NVIC) 04-08 Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials. The addition of the HRR PIP 4<sup>th</sup> Edition color test will be incorporated into regulations and policy at their next revision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Christensen", written over a horizontal line.

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By Direction