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## Notice of Intent for Merchant Mariner's Documents Published

The Coast Guard announced today Federal Register publication of a notice of intent with request for comments for the previously published Merchant Mariner's Documents rulemaking.

On January 6, 2004, the Coast Guard published in the Federal Register (69 FR 526), an interim rule with request for comments. The interim rule described enhancements to the application procedures for the Merchant Mariner Licensing and Documentation program, which were necessary to improve maritime safety and promote the national security interest of the United States. However, subsequent rulemakings have addressed the majority of the interim rule provisions. As a result, the Coast Guard intends to finalize the single remaining section that has not been addressed in subsequent rulemakings. The one section of the January 6, 2004 Interim Rule that has remained unchanged is 46 CFR 12.01-1(a)(1), *Purpose of rules in this part*. We anticipate that we will finalize this one remaining section of the interim rule and we are asking for comment on this section only.

The notice of intent with request for comments and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> using docket number: USCG-2003-14500.

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