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## Merchant Mariner's Licenses Notice of Intent 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 Licenses rulemaking.

On January 13, 2006, the Coast Guard published in the Federal Register (71 FR 2154), 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 13, 2006 interim rule that has remained unfinalized is 46 CFR 10.107(b): *Definitions in subchapter B, Dangerous Drug*. 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-2004-17455.

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