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Coast Guard Publishes Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines Final Rule for River Barges on Lake Michigan

The Coast Guard (USCG) today announced publication in the Federal Register of a final rule amending the special load line exemption regime for certain river barges operating on Lake Michigan, as established in the final rule published on November 18, 2010.

Specifically, the USCG is replacing the weather restrictions based on Small Craft Advisory (SCA) conditions that were published in the 2010 final rule with weather restrictions previously implemented in 2002 by an interim rule. The effective date of the weather restrictions had been delayed in order to solicit public comment on using SCA conditions as the basis for weather restrictions, and changes are being made in response to public comments received. This is the only change to the original final rule.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> using docket number USCG-1998-4623.

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