

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2024-0119
vs.	)	
	)	Enforcement Activity Number: 7871062
MIRANDA MARIE APENTENG,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued:** April 25, 2024

**By Order of Chief Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Walter J. Brudzinski**

**Appearances:**

**For the Coast Guard**

LT Carolina C.T. Helmke  
USCG Sector Honolulu

**For the Respondent**

Miranda Marie Apenteng, *Pro se*

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The United States Coast Guard Sector Honolulu issued a Complaint against Miranda Marie Apenteng (Respondent) on or about March 13, 2024, alleging two violations of misconduct under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27. Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges on February 23, 2024, Respondent was an employee of Norwegian Cruise Lines and subject to its policies while working as a crewmember aboard the cruise ship PRIDE OF AMERICA (ON 1146542). Norwegian Cruise Lines had a policy requiring a crewmember to submit to a reasonable cause alcohol test, if requested while aboard. Respondent refused to submit to a reasonable cause alcohol test as directed by the Staff Captain in violation of Norwegian Cruise Lines' Drug and Alcohol Policy.

The Coast Guard also alleges Respondent was wrongfully absent from the vessel without authorized leave on February 23, 2024. Respondent's violation of Norwegian Cruise Lines' Drug and Alcohol Policy and her absence from the vessel without authorized leave constitutes misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27. The Coast Guard proposes a sanction of six (6) months of outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (credential).

In Respondent's Answer, dated April 11, 2024, she admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.

WHEREFORE,

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent's violations of misconduct under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27 are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I have carefully reviewed the file and find that the proposed sanction is appropriate under the provisions of 46 C.F.R. § 5.569.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR SIX (6) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits her credential with the Coast Guard.

Done and dated April 25, 2024  
New York, NY



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HON. WALTER J. BRUDZINSKI  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD