

International Safety Management (ISM) for Small Passenger Vessels

ISM applies to vessels inspected under 46 CFR Subchapter H, K and T that carry more than 12 passengers on an international voyage. See [33 CFR Part 96](#) Rules for the safe operation of vessels and safety management systems. Passenger Vessels on a domestic voyage are encouraged to participate in the program.

The Coast Guard has established an equivalent to ISM Code compliance for small passenger vessels certificated under subchapter "T" of Title 46 CFR that must comply with the requirements of the ISM Code.

For additional information including an ISM Manual Template, please visit the [Passenger Vessel Safety Program](#) page.