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Updated Forms for Shipment and Discharge of Merchant Mariners

The Office of Management and Budget approved the updated version of the Coast Guard forms CG-705A and CG-718A, used to execute shipping articles and prepare certificates of discharge for merchant mariners.

- Shipping Articles (CG-705A)
- Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Mariner (CG-718A)

The obsolete paper format of these forms has been in use since World War II and was last revised in the early 1980s. The data collected on the updated forms is nearly identical to the previous version; however, the size of the forms has significantly changed to the standard paper size (8.5 x 11 inches) to accommodate modern technology.

Availability of these forms to the public will be on or around January 6, 2014. The Coast Guard will not stock the updated forms in paper format. These forms will be available electronically in a PDF fillable format at the National Maritime Center's website <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>.

Mariners and other respondents should contact our Customer Service Center at IASKNMC@uscg.mil or 888-IASKNMC (888-427-5662) with any questions regarding forms.

Sincerely,

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