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LGCNCOE Industry Notice 22-01

Low Flashpoint Fuel Exams on Foreign Passenger Vessels

This notice provides guidance to cruise ship owners, operators, and builders regarding United States Coast Guard examinations for foreign passenger vessels built with fuel systems utilizing Low-flashpoint fuels (LFF).

The USCG has recently published the LFF Job Aid to assist Port State Control Officers (PSCOs) in verifying compliance with the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code). Additionally, the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) has updated the Process Guides to assist PSCOs in verifying IGF Code compliance during Initial, Annual, and Periodic Certificate of Compliance (COC) examinations. The newly published CSNCOE Foreign Passenger Vessel Initial COC exam Work Instruction, Guide for Conducting ICOC Exams (MPS-WI-CSNCOE-05) incorporates the LFF Job Aid for examination procedures.

Foreign passenger vessels should make all documentation & equipment ready for examination as indicated in the LFF Job Aid. It is recommended that initial verification of LFF systems take place during the overseas portion of the Initial COC examination. We understand ships with these systems are currently being built in European shipyards, therefore all LFF initial verifications/exams should be scheduled through the Activities Europe (ACTEUR) office via email at ACTEUR-ICOC@uscg.mil or ACTEURwatch@uscg.mil. Examination applications should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the requested attendance date. Early engagement with ACTEUR is highly encouraged to accommodate coordination and planning efforts.

Initial, Annual, and Periodic COC Exam Process Guides may be obtained by visiting the CSNCOE website www.dco.uscg.mil/csncoe/. The LFF Job Aid may be obtained by visiting the LGCNCOE website www.dco.uscg.mil/lgcncoe/.

Questions regarding this notice should be forwarded to the National Technical Advisor for the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise at (954) 767-2140 or by email at CSNCOE@uscg.mil.

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