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U.S. Coast Guard Announces Publication of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Add International Energy Efficiency (IEE) Certificate to the List of Certificates a Recognized Classification Society May Issue

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) today announced publication in the *Federal Register* of a notice of proposed rulemaking amending Vessel Inspection Alternatives regulations by adding the International Energy Efficiency (IEE) Certificate to the current list of 13 certificates that a recognized classification society may issue on its behalf.

The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships implements the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL Protocol), which includes MARPOL Annex VI: Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships. On July 15, 2011, the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, which were accepted July 1, 2012, and come into effect January 1, 2013. These amended regulations call for the issuance of an IEE Certificate to document compliance with Annex VI's new Chapter 4, Regulations on Energy Efficiency for Ships.

If approved, this rulemaking would allow the USCG to enlist the assistance of recognized classification societies to help ensure that U.S.-flagged ships which qualify for an international certificate are able to obtain it promptly. It is expected to result in cost savings to U.S. vessel owners.

The notice of proposed rulemaking and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2012-0861.

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