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Draft Guidance Regarding Voluntary Inspection of Vessels for Compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

Today the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published a Federal Register notice announcing the availability of a draft Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) that sets forth proposed USCG policies and procedures regarding the inspection of U.S. vessels for voluntary compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, which enters into force on August 20, 2013. The NVIC will provide guidance to the maritime industry, USCG marine inspectors, and other affected parties on how the USCG intends to implement the new voluntary inspection program. This notice solicits public comment on the impacts that the policies and procedures contained in the NVIC would have on applicable vessels and other affected parties. This notice also solicits public comment on the collection of information associated with the new voluntary inspection program.

The notice and draft NVIC may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2012-1066.

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