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Guidance Regarding Inspection and Certification of Vessels Under the Maritime Security Program

Today the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published a *Federal Register* notice announcing the availability of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 01-12, "Inspection and Certification of Vessels Under the Maritime Security Program (MSP)." The MSP serves as a means for establishing a fleet of commercially viable and militarily useful vessels to meet national defense as well as other security requirements. NVIC 01-12 sets forth the USCG's policies and procedures regarding the inspection and certification of vessels under the MSP. NVIC 01-12 provides a comprehensive approach to the MSP inspection process through the establishment of two levels of MSP inspection and oversight.

The notice, NVIC 01-12, and related documents may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2011-1156.

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