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U.S. Coast Guard Publishes Proposed Rule to Remove PFD Type Codes

The U.S. Coast Guard announces publication in the *Federal Register* of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to remove the type codes on personal flotation devices (PFDs) in 33 CFR part 175 and 46 CFR parts 160 and 169.

Under the proposed rule, references to type codes on the carriage and labeling of Coast Guard-approved PFDs would be removed from the regulations. Removing these type codes from the regulations would facilitate future incorporation by reference of new industry consensus standards for PFD labeling that will more effectively convey safety information, and is a step toward harmonization of our regulations with PFD requirements in Canada and in other countries.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> in docket number USCG-2013-0263 using the following direct link:
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=USCG-2013-0263>.

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