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2012 Liquid Chemical Categorization Update Interim Rulemaking Published

The Coast Guard today announced *Federal Register* publication of an Interim Rule to amend the information contained in several tables and accompanying text in title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) regarding the characteristics of liquid chemical cargoes.

The primary purpose of this rulemaking is to update information contained in 46 CFR parts 30, 150, and 153 text and tables about the characteristics of liquid chemical cargoes as of the most recent related International Maritime Organization (IMO) action in December 2012. The tables list and provide categorical information about chemicals that have been finally categorized and approved by the IMO, or provisionally categorized and approved by IMO member states, including the United States, for maritime bulk transportation.

The IMO updates its categorizations and approvals each December and makes those updates publicly available. The current regulation requires updating through annual rulemaking to ensure consistency and furthers the Coast Guard's maritime safety and stewardship missions.

The Interim Rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2013-0423.

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