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Seagoing Barges Final Rule Published

Today, the Coast Guard announced publication in the *Federal Register* of a final rule that revises several vessel inspection and certification regulations to align them with a statutory definition of “seagoing barge” and with an exemption from inspection and certification requirements for certain seagoing barges. The revisions are intended to eliminate ambiguity from the regulations, to reduce the potential for confusion among the regulated public, and to help the Coast Guard perform its maritime safety and stewardship missions.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>; docket number: USCG-2011-0363.

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