

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy has determined that CORMORANT (MHC 57) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special functions as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 08 November 1996.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain R.R. Pixa, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy Department,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy, under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that CORMORANT (MHC 57) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Rule 27(f), pertaining to the display of all-round lights by a vessel engaged in mineclearance operations; and Annex I, paragraph 9(b), prescribing that all-round lights be located as not to be obscured by masts, topmasts or structures within angular sectors of more than six degrees. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) of the Navy has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR Parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

Accordingly, 32 CFR Part 706 is amended as follows:

PART 706—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR Part 706 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

§ 706.2 [Amended]

2. Section 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for CORMORANT (MHC 57) to Table Four, paragraph 18: § 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.

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Vessel	Number	Obscured angles relative to ship's heading	
		Port	STBD
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CORMORANT	MHC 57	59.5° to 78.3°	281.7° to 300.5°
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Dated: November 7, 1996.
R.R. Pixa,
Captain, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty).
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[CGD 95-054]

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Regattas and Marine Parades

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.
ACTION: Interim rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is delaying the effective date of the interim rule on

regatta and marine parades published in the Federal Register on June 26, 1996. The interim rule more precisely identifies those marine events which require a permit, those which require only written notice to the Coast Guard, and those which require neither. A change in the effective date from January 1, 1997, to January 1, 1998, is necessary to allow time to further assess the potential impact, if any, of the interim rule on the environment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The interim rule published on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33027) is effective on January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Carlton Perry, Office of Boating Safety, (202) 267-0979. A copy of the interim rule and the draft environmental assessment may be obtained by calling the Coast Guard Customer Infoline at 1-800-368-5647 or, in Washington, DC, 267-0780.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 1996, the Coast Guard published an interim rule and notice of availability of environmental assessment (CGD 95-054) entitled "Regattas and Marine Parades" in the Federal Register (61 FR 33027). The interim rule, which was to become effective on January 1, 1997, revised the Coast Guard's marine event regulations to eliminate unnecessary requirements while continuing to protect the safety of life. The rule more precisely identifies those events which require a permit, those which require only written notice of the Coast Guard, and those which require neither. The environmental assessment and proposed finding of no significant impact which support this rulemaking were made available to the public.

Approximately 85 comments were received in response to the USCG request for comments and publication of the interim rule and notice of