

TABLE FIVE

| Vessel           | No.    | Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f) | Forward mast-head light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a) | After mast-head light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward mast-head light. annex I, sec. 3(a) | Percentage horizontal separation attained |
|------------------|--------|--|--|--|---|
| USS O'KANE ..... | DDG 77 | X  | X  | X  | 14.0                                      |

Dated: February 3, 1999.  
**R.R. Pixa,**  
*Captain, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty).*  
 [FR Doc. 99-12025 Filed 5-11-99; 8:45 am]  
 BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**32 CFR Part 706**

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

**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 USS OGDEN (LPD 5) 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:** February 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain R.R. Pixa, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington, DC 20374-5066, Telephone Number: (202) 685-5040.

**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 USS OGDEN (LPD 5) 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 functions as a naval ship: Annex I, section 2(a)(i), pertaining to the height of the forward masthead light; Annex I, section 2(g), pertaining to the distance of the sidelights above the hull; and, Annex I, section 3(a), pertaining to the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights. 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), 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.

2. Table One of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for the USS OGDEN (LPD 5):

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

\* \* \* \* \*

| Vessel          | Number | Distance in meters of forward masthead light below minimum required height. § 2(a)(i), Annex I |
|-----------------|--------|--|
| USS OGDEN ..... | LPD 5  | 4.15   |

3. Table Four, Paragraph 19 of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical

order, the following entry for the USS OGDEN (LPD 5):

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

\* \* \* \* \*

| Vessel          | Number | Distance in meters of sidelights above maximum allowed height |
|-----------------|--------|---|
| USS OGDEN ..... | LPD 5  | 3.40  |

4. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by revising the entry for the USS OGDEN (LPD 5) to read as follows:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

\* \* \* \* \*

TABLE FIVE

| Vessel          | No.   | Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f) | Forward mast-head light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a) | After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward mast-head light. annex I, sec. 3(a) | Percentage horizontal separation attained |
|-----------------|-------|--|--|---|---|
| USS OGDEN ..... | LPD 5 | N/A  | N/A  | X   | 56.6                                      |

Dated: February 3, 1999.

**R.R. Pixa,**  
 CAPT, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty).  
 [FR Doc. 99-12026 Filed 5-11-99; 8:45 am]  
 BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Captain R.R. Pixa, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy Department, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5066, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

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), 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.

2. Table Four, Paragraph 15 of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS PORTER, and Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS PORTER:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

\* \* \* \* \*

**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 USS PORTER (DDG 78) 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 function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 24, 1999.

**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 USS PORTER (DDG 78) 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: Annex I, paragraph 2(f)(i) pertaining to placement of the masthead light or lights above and clear of all other lights and obstructions, and Annex I, paragraph 3(a) pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light in the forward quarter of the vessel, and the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.