



National Vessel Documentation Center

VESSEL DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM

Determination Request Submission Process

Objective:

This instruction is to inform the public of the services offered by the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) with respect to Determinations.

U.S. Build Determinations are responses to requests seeking confirmation that the regulatory standards to establish U.S. build are met.

Foreign Rebuild Determinations are responses to requests seeking confirmation that work performed outside of the U.S. on U.S. built vessels will not result in the loss of coastwise or fishery eligibility.

Other Determinations include responses seeking citizenship determinations, vessel eligibility, etc.

Pursuant to Section 516 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, all Determinations issued by the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center will be published on NVDC's website within 30 days of issuance.

Actions:

- Requests for Determination (such as U.S. Build, Foreign Rebuild, Citizenship, Vessel Eligibility, New Vessel, etc.) should be submitted via USPS and/or .pdf filing, to the attention of the Director, NVDC.
- Packages should consist of a Letter of Request explaining what type of Determination is being sought, any supporting documentation, and fees, if applicable (as per the Fee Schedule posted on NVDC's website).
- Upon receipt, a file will be created and routed to NVDC's Attorney Advisor for review.
- The Attorney Advisor will (i) consult with CG Legal, (ii) engage with appropriate CG or other Federal agencies, and/or (iii) make a recommendation to the Director for further action, draft appropriate correspondence or take other appropriate action.
- The Attorney Advisor will maintain the file until the matter is resolved. Upon issuance of the Determination letter, a copy will be provided to the submitter by e-mail (if provided) and via USPS. At that time, the NVDC will publish a copy of same under the appropriate category on the Determination Letters tab on the NVDC website.