NAVIGATION AND VESSEL INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 1-88, CHANGE 1

Subj: CH-1 to NVIC 1-88, "International Load Line Certificates for Small Passenger Vessels Operating Within 20 Miles of the Mouth of a Harbor of Safe Refuge"

1. PURPOSE. This Circular transmits a change to NVIC 1-88 dated 5 February 1988. It provides the marine industry with clarification of the conditions under which a change of service voyage may be made.

2. SUMMARY OF CHANGES. Paragraph 3.f. of NVIC 1-88 identifies 7 conditions which must be satisfied for a change of service voyage under the NVIC. Condition (4) was intended to limit the maximum distance from shore during the change of service voyage to 50 miles, i.e., a voyage of not more than 100 miles. To clarify this intent and avoid any misinterpretation on this point, the wording of condition (4) has been modified. In addition, to clarify the intention that a current and favorable 12 hour weather forecast is maintained for the entire voyage, the wording of condition (7) has been modified.

3. IMPLEMENTATION. Make the following pen and ink changes to page 4 of the subject NVIC:

   a. Delete existing subparagraph 3.f.(4) and insert the following sentence: "The vessel remains within 50 miles from shore throughout the voyage."
3. b. Delete existing subparagraph 3.f.(7) and insert the following:
"At all times during the voyage, the weather forecast for at least the next 12 hours calls for winds of less than 50 knots and waves of less than 5 feet along the intended route. Weather forecasts are to be updated at least every 12 hours."

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