



CG-CVC
Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance

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Marine Inspection Notice

CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CARGO GEAR CERTIFICATES

Recently, there has been some confusion pertaining to the status of authorizations required to execute an acceptable cargo gear certificate and/or register. As required by Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 91.25-25, at each inspection for certification and periodic inspection, the owner, operator or master shall provide the Officer in Charge, marine Inspection (OCMI) with all current valid certificates and registers of cargo gear issued by an organization recognized by the Commandant under 46 CFR 31.10-16.

As provided in 46 CFR 31.10-16, certificates and registers of cargo gear may be issued by competent persons, recognized organizations, or a nonprofit association duly approved by the Commandant. Competent persons, for the purpose of these regulations, include the surveyors of a classification society recognized by the Commandant under 46 U.S.C. 3316. Accordingly, the reports and surveys certifying that cargo gear complies with the standards of the ABS, LR, DNV, GL, and RINA should be accepted. This authority applies as part of general classification society recognition, regardless of ACP authorization.

Additionally, the following organizations are recognized as having the technical competence to handle the required inspections:

- (1) National Cargo Bureau, Inc., with home offices at 17 Battery Place, Suite 1232, New York, NY 10004; on the Internet at <http://www.natcargo.org>.
- (2) The International Cargo Gear Bureau, Inc., with home office at 321 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036; on the Internet at <http://www.icgb.com>.

This includes the responsible officials or employees of the testing laboratories, companies, or organizations who conduct tests of pieces of loose cargo gear, wire rope, or the annealing of gear as may be required by the standards of the organization or association authorized to issue the certificate or register.

All conditions set forth in 46 CFR 31.10-16 and 91.25-25 should be strictly adhered to in the execution of this function. This specific authorization does not extend to cranes installed on vessels certificated under 46 CFR Subchapters I-A or L.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to LT Cory Heard, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, Commandant (CG-CVC) at 202-372-1208.