

<b>Title 33 CFR part 160, Subpart C, Notice of Arrival Regulations: Common Questions and Interpretations</b>
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**B. 33 CFR 160.206****1. Citation**

Title 33 CFR 160.206 and related Table 160.206(5)(iv):

(a): Each NOA must contain all of the information items specified in Table 160.206.

Item (5): Information for each Person Onboard in Addition to Crew  
Item (5) (iv): Passport number.

**2. Scenario**

There are instances where crewmembers or non-crewmembers (such as a U.S. citizen on a cruise ship or a fish processor on a U.S. commercial fishing vessel) may not be required by other regulations or statutes to have a passport or mariners document. For instance, the following regulations list or recognize circumstances when a passport may not be required: 8 CFR 211.2, 19 CFR 4.7b, or 22 CFR 53.2. However 33 CFR 160.206 requires this information.

**3. Question/Issue**

Does the Coast Guard require a passport number on a NOA when the individual is not required to have a passport?

**4. Discussion**

No, the Coast Guard will exercise agency discretion and not enforce the requirement for the document number in situations where the document is not required by some other regulation or a statute.

The Department of State and other federal agencies, such as CBP, ICE, and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), issue regulations regarding requirements for passports, visas, alien registration cards, etc. The CBP electronic passenger and crew arrival manifests regulation, 19 CFR 4.7b, requires a number from a person's passport, but only if the passport is required. Our NOA regulation does not have this "if required" language at this time. Therefore, if a person is not required by another regulation or statute to have a passport or mariners document, we will not enforce the requirement in 33 CFR 160.206, Table 160.206 (5)(iv).

The Coast Guard is in the process of revising the NOA regulations (72 FR 69833, December 10, 2007). It is recommended the individual report an alternative identification number, but it is not required.