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U.S. Coast Guard Announces Publication of Inflatable Recreational Personal Flotation Devices Direct Final Rule

The U.S. Coast Guard announced publication today in the Federal Register of a direct final rule amending regulations for inflatable recreational personal flotation devices.

The Coast Guard is updating its regulations for inflatable recreational personal flotation devices (PFDs) (commonly referred to as lifejackets or life preservers). This rulemaking will update current Coast Guard structural and performance-based standards for inflatable recreational PFDs by aligning these standards with current voluntary industry consensus standards. Additionally, this rulemaking slightly modifies regulatory text in preparation for a future rulemaking addressing the population for which inflatable recreational PFDs are approved, but does not change the current population at this time.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG 2011-0076.

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