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U.S. Coast Guard Announces Publication of Updates to Standards Incorporated by Reference; Reapproved ASTM Standards; Technical Amendment

The U.S. Coast Guard announced publication today in the *Federal Register* of a final rule updating references to certain standards that have been reapproved by the publisher without change.

Many of the Coast Guard's regulations incorporate industry standards. The Coast Guard reviews these regulations to determine whether they contain outdated standards and, if so, whether and how the regulations should be updated to incorporate more current standards.

In this final rule, the Coast Guard updated references to standards developed by ASTM International (formerly the American Society of Testing and Materials). The standards incorporated by this final rule have been reapproved by ASTM International without change. Therefore, while the final rule updates references to these standards in Coast Guard regulations, it does not change the substantive regulatory requirements.

The final rule can be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2012-0866.

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