NVIC 01-13, Change-1: Highlights

Inspection and Certification of Vessels under the Maritime Security Program (MSP)

CONCURRENT WITH THE FIRST ANNUAL REVIEW OF NVIC 01-13 the Coast Guard considered policy enhancements designed to better facilitate the transition and continued service of vessels under the MSP. In addition to the changes resulting from public comments, the Coast Guard has prepared enhancements intended to maximize flexibility by promoting alternative inspection programs.

FOREMOST, revisions were made to streamline the periodically unattended machinery space (PUMS) approval process, provide a standardized equivalency for design and technical specifications under Alternate Compliance Program (ACP) supplements, and clarify the provisions for servicing certain firefighting equipment and liferafts.

Highlights of the principal changes are indexed below:

- Enclosure (2) § 1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3 & 1.1.4
  - Expedites the initial plan review process by reducing the number of plan submittals for reflag.

- Enclosure (2) § 2.2.1
  - Enhances consistency by including a provision for CG-5P-TI /CG-CVC attendance at reflag.

- Enclosure (2) § 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2
  - Introduces a general alternative for PUMS in line w/ existing ACP standards.
  - Leverages the capabilities of ACP Class Societies for the approval and verification of automation test procedures.
  - Streamlines the approval process for PUMS, including interim acceptance, and reduced Manning.

- Enclosure (3) § 1.1 & 1.7
  - Permits ACP Class Society survey intervals, procedures, & reports for inspection of pressure vessels, certain tailshaft(s), boiler safety valves, fuel tank internals, auxiliary boiler examinations, & sea valves.
  - Lifesaving & fire equipment details need not be listed on COI.
  - Provides greater ISE flexibility for non-MSP Select vessels.

- Enclosure (3) § 1.5.1
  - Provides a standardized equivalency for design and technical specifications under ACP supplements.

- Enclosure (3) § 1.12.1 & 1.13
  - Allows for the servicing of certain non-U.S. approved firefighting equipment and liferafts in accordance with the previous flag administration approval.

- Enclosure (3) § 1.16
  - Updates the transfer of class procedure to better align with the revised IACS Procedural Requirement.

- Enclosure (4) § 1.3
  - Clarifies the joint hand-over survey arrangements for MSP-Select enrollment.

Change-1 can be viewed online at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/. The final Notice of Availability & supporting documents are included in docket USCG-2011-1156; http://www.regulations.gov. Questions concerning this bulletin may be directed to the Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance, Commandant (CG-CVC) at 202-372-1251.