

New Guidance for Endorsements of Tankerman PIC Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels

New [CG-MMC Policy Letter 01-17](#), Guidelines for Issuing Endorsements for Tankerman PIC Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels, has been signed and posted online.

The United States Coast Guard published a final rule, Inspection of Towing Vessels (Subchapter M), requiring towing vessels to obtain a Certificate of Inspection. The towing vessel's transition to inspected status triggers the requirement that persons in charge (PIC) must hold a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) with a tankerman PIC endorsement or an officer endorsement in accordance with 33 CFR 155.710(e)(1).

The policy letter contains Guidelines for Issuing Endorsements for Tankerman PIC Restricted to Fuel Transfers on Towing Vessels. The endorsement will be issued in accordance with the provisions for a restricted tankerman endorsement (46 CFR 13.111(a)), in order to meet the requirement of 33 CFR 155.710(e)(1).

Questions or feedback on the policy should be directed to MMCPolicy@uscg.mil. The status of individual applications can be determined by contacting the NMC Customer Service Center using [Live Chat](#), by calling 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662), or via e-mail to IASKNMC@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

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