



16711/DDX
D8(m) Policy Ltr 01-2002

OCT 25 2002

MEMORANDUM

From: D. F. Ryan, II
CCGD8 (m)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. F. Ryan, II", written over the printed name.

To: All Eighth District MSOs and MSUs

Subj: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO OCMI's TO GRANT DRYDOCK EXTENSIONS

Ref: (a) Marine Safety Manual Volume II

- PURPOSE:** This policy letter delegates the authority to grant certain drydock extensions to Eighth Coast Guard District Officers in Charge Marine Inspection (OCMI's).
- BACKGROUND:** Section B, Chapter 3.A.4.d. of reference (a) describes the delegation of drydock extension authority to OCMI's and District Commanders. With limited exceptions, most drydock extension requests for vessels not in a laid-up status were required to be forwarded to the District Commander for review/approval or forwarding to Commandant as appropriate. This proved to be a paperwork intensive process for drydock extension requests of 30 days or less.
- DISCUSSION:** Section B, Chapter 3.A.4.d.10 of reference (a) authorizes District Commanders to grant drydock extensions for up to three months for most vessel types based on a drydock extension examination and an OCMI recommendation. However, for drydock extension requests of 30 days or less, a drydock extension examination is not required and the OCMI's recommendation is almost universally accepted. Thus, for these short-term extensions, D8(m) involvement has been largely administrative with little value added.
- ACTION:** Effective immediately, Commander Eighth Coast Guard District delegates to Eighth District OCMI's the authority to grant drydock extensions up to 30 days for tank ships, tank barges, freight vessels and offshore supply vessels. This authority is delegated to the OCMI in who's AOR the vessel is operating; the OCMI has the discretion to forward the request to the certificating OCMI. The OCMI may require a drydock extension examination that may include internal and underwater examinations. OCMI's will continue to forward their recommendations to D8(m) for drydock extensions between 31 and 90 days along with the required drydock extension examination results. The procedure for requesting drydock extensions in excess of 90 days remains unchanged, they will be sent to COMDT (G-MOC) via D8(m). The enclosed table outlines the delegated drydock extension authority based on the vessel type and drydock extension length, and reflects this policy. My primary POC for this matter is LT Phillip Ison at (504) 589-3049.

#

Enclosure: (1) Drydock Extension Authority Table

Copy: COMDT (G-MOC-1)
LANTAREA (Am)

Drydock Extension Authority Table

<i>46 CFR Subchapter ...</i>	<i>Vessel Service</i>	<i>DD Ext ≤30 days</i>	<i>DD Ext ≥31 days but ≤90 days</i>	<i>DD Ext ≥91 days</i>	<i>DD Ext ≤6 Months</i>	<i>2nd 6 Month DD Ext</i>	<i>DD Ext ≤12 Months</i>	<i>DD Ext >12 Months</i>
D, O & I	Tank, Freight & Misc. Vessels (including tank barges)	OCMI	D8(m)	G-MOC				
H & K	Passenger Vessels	G-MOC	G-MOC	G-MOC				
I-A	Mobile Offshore Drilling Units				OCMI	D8(m)		G-MOC
L	Offshore Supply Vessels	OCMI	D8(m)	G-MOC				
R	Nautical Schools	G-MOC	G-MOC	G-MOC				
U	Oceanographic Research Vessels	G-MOC	G-MOC	G-MOC				
T	Small Passenger Vessels						OCMI	G-MOC