

**ADDRESSES:** To join the teleconference, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to obtain the needed information no later than 5 p.m. on July 17, 2017. The number of teleconference lines is limited and will be available on a first-come, first served basis. To physically join those participating from the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center, it will be held at 100 Forbes Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25404-0001 (<https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>).

**Pre-registration Information:** Foreign nationals participating physically at the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center will be required to pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on July 01, 2017. U.S. citizens participating physically at the U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center will be required to pre-register no later than 4 p.m. on July 17, 2017, to be admitted to the meeting. To pre-register, contact Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin at 202-372-1128 or [james.l.fortin@uscg.mil](mailto:james.l.fortin@uscg.mil) with MERPAC in the subject line and provide your name, company, and telephone number; if a foreign national, also provide your country of citizenship, and passport number and expiration date. All attendees will be required to provide a government-issued picture identification card in order to gain admittance to the building.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Alternate Designated Federal Officer as soon as possible using the contact information provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**Instructions:** You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the teleconference, but if you want working group committee members to review your comment before the meetings, please submit your comments no later than July 17, 2017. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the "Agenda" section below. You must include "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number USCG-2017-0495 in your comment submission. Written comments may also be submitted using Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you encounter technical difficulties with comments submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review the Privacy Act Notice

regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the **Federal Register** (70 FR 15086).

**Docket Search:** For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2017-0495 in the "Search" box, press Enter, and then click on the item you wish to view.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, telephone 202-372-1128, fax 202-372-8385 or [james.l.fortin@uscg.mil](mailto:james.l.fortin@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee was established under authority of section 310 of the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014, Title 46, United States Code, section 8108, and chartered under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix). The Committee acts solely in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the Coast Guard on matters relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards and other matters as assigned by the Commandant. The Committee shall also review and comment on proposed Coast Guard regulations and policies relating to personnel in the United States merchant marine, including training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards; may be given special assignments by the Secretary and may conduct studies, inquiries, workshops, and fact finding in consultation with individuals and groups in the private sector and with State or local governments; and shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary.

## Agenda

### DAY 1

The agenda for the July 25, 2017, working group teleconference is as follows:

- (1) The working group will meet briefly to discuss Task Statement 96 (All task statements can be found at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/merpac/>);
- (2) Reports of working sub-groups. At the end of the day, the working sub-

groups will report to the full working group on what was accomplished in their meetings. The full working group will not take action as a result of this working group meeting; action will be taken on day 2 of the meeting.

- (3) Public comment period.
- (4) Adjournment of meeting.

### DAY 2

The agenda for the July 26, 2017, working group teleconference is as follows:

- (1) The working group will meet briefly to discuss Task Statement 96 (All task statements can be found at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/merpac/>);
- (2) Reports of working sub-groups. The working sub-groups will report to the full working group on what was accomplished in their meetings. The full working group will not take action on these reports at this time. Any action taken as a result of this working group meeting will be taken after the public comment period.
- (3) Public comment period.
- (4) Preparation of the meeting report to the full Committee.
- (5) Adjournment of meeting.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at <https://homeport.uscg.mil/merpac/>. Alternatively, you may contact Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin as noted in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

A public comment period will be held during each day during the working group teleconference concerning matters being discussed. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment periods will end following the last call for comments. Please contact Lieutenant Junior Grade James Fortin, listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, to register as a speaker.

Please note that the teleconference may adjourn early if the work is completed.

Dated: June 20, 2017.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2017-0422]

### Certificate of Alternative Compliance for the TUG INDEPENDENCE

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces that a Certificate of Alternative Compliance (COAC) was issued for the TUG INDEPENDENCE. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute.

**DATES:** The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on May 9th, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information or questions about this notice call or email Mr. Kevin Miller, First District Towing Vessel/Barge Safety Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (617) 223-8272, email <Kevin.L.Miller2@uscg.mil>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, and sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law<sup>1</sup> and Coast Guard regulation,<sup>2</sup> a vessel may instead meet alternative requirements and the vessel's owner, builder, operator, or agent may apply for a COAC. For vessels of special construction, the cognizant Coast Guard District Office determines whether the vessel for which the COAC is sought complies as closely as possible with the 72 COLREGS, and decides whether to issue the COAC. Once issued, a COAC remains valid until information supplied in the COAC application or the COAC terms become inapplicable to the vessel. Under the governing statute<sup>3</sup> and regulation,<sup>4</sup> the Coast Guard must publish notice of this action.

The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the TUG INDEPENDENCE is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the navigation and towing lights, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation of the vessel. The Commandant further finds and certifies that the sidelights (13' 2.75"; from the vessel's side mounted on the pilot house) and stern/towing lights (5' 6.5" aft of frame 18 mounted on top of the pilot house) are in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS and that full compliance with the 72 COLREGS

would not significantly enhance the safety of the vessel's operation.

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.

Dated: June 13, 2017.

**B.L. Black,**

*Capt., Chief, Prevention Department, First District, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement****Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension, Without Change, of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request; OMB Control No. 1653-0022**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information collection for review; Form No. I-352, Immigration Bond; OMB Control No. 1653-0022.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE) will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until August 25, 2017.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the PRA Clearance Officer for USICE and sent via electronic mail to [forms.ice@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:forms.ice@ice.dhs.gov).

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information,

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Immigration Bond.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* ICE Form I-352; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individual or Households; Business or other for-profit. The data collected on this collection instrument is used by ICE to ensure that the person or company posting the bond is aware of the duties and responsibilities associated with the bond. The collection instrument serves the purpose of instruction in the completion of the form, together with an explanation of the terms and conditions of the bond. Sureties have the capability of accessing, completing and submitting a bond electronically through ICE's eBonds system which encompasses the I-352, while individuals are still required to complete the bond form manually.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 25,000 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 12,500 annual burden hours.

Dated: June 21, 2017.

**Scott Elmore,**

*PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.*

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<sup>1</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

<sup>2</sup> 33 CFR 81.3.

<sup>3</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605(c).

<sup>4</sup> 33 CFR 81.18.