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## PART 126—INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

- 16. Revise the authority citation for part 126 to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1321(j); 46 U.S.C. 3205, 3306, 3307; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701; Executive Order 111735, 38 FR 21243, 3 CFR 1971–1975 Comp., p. 793; Department of Homeland Security Delegation 0170.

- 17. Add new § 126.490 to read as follows:

### § 126.490 Vessel security.

At each inspection for certification and periodic inspection, the inspector shall examine the vessel to determine that it meets vessel security requirements in 33 CFR part 104.

## PART 176—INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

- 18. Revise the authority citation for part 176 to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1321(j); 46 U.S.C. 2103, 3205, 3306, 3307; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701; 49 U.S.C. App. 1804; Executive Order 11735, 38 FR 21243, 3 CFR, 1971–1975 Comp., p. 277; Department of Homeland Security Delegation 0170.

- 19. Revise § 176.404(a) to read as follows:

### § 176.404 Subsequent inspections for certification.

(a) An inspection for renewal of a Certificate of Inspection is conducted to determine if the vessel is in satisfactory condition, fit for the service intended, and complies with all applicable regulations. It normally includes inspection and testing of the structure, machinery, equipment, and on a sailing vessel, rigging and sails. The owner or operator must conduct all tests as required by the OCMI, and make the vessel available for all specific inspections and drills required by subpart H of this part. In addition, the OCMI may require the vessel to get underway.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

### 33 CFR Part 105

[USCG–2003–14732]

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### Facility Security

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Temporary interim rule with request for comments and notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This interim rule provides security measures for certain facilities in U.S. ports. It requires owners or operators of facilities to designate security officers for facilities, develop security plans based on security assessments and surveys, implement security measures specific to the facilities' operations, and comply with Maritime Security Levels. This interim rule is one of six interim rules in today's **Federal Register** that comprise a new subchapter on the requirements for maritime security mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002. These six interim rules implement national maritime security initiatives concerning general provisions, Area Maritime Security (ports), vessels, facilities, Outer Continental Shelf facilities, and the Automatic Identification System. Where appropriate, they align these domestic maritime security requirements with those of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code and recent amendments to the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974. To best understand these interim rules, first read the one titled "Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives" (USCG–2003–14792), published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** *Effective date.* This interim rule is effective from July 1, 2003 until November 25, 2003.

*Comments.* Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 31, 2003. Comments on collection of information sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must reach OMB on or before July 31, 2003.

*Meeting.* A public meeting will be held on July 23, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Washington, DC.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments.* To ensure that your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) Electronically to the Docket Management System Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG–2003–14732), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

(4) By delivery to room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

You must mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard. Meeting. A public meeting will be held on July 23, 2003 in Washington, DC at the Grand Hyatt Washington, DC, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this interim rule, call Lieutenant Gregory Purvis, U.S. Coast Guard by telephone, 202–267–1103, toll-free telephone, 1–800–842–8740 ext. 7–1103, or electronic mail [msregs@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:msregs@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Dorothy Beard, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, at 202–366–5149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to the short timeframe given to implement these National Maritime Transportation Security initiatives, as directed by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA, Public Law 107–295, 116 STAT. 2064), and to ensure all comments are in the public venue for these important rulemakings, we are not accepting comments containing protected information for these interim rules. We request you submit comments, as explained in the Request for Comments section below, and discuss your concerns or support in a manner that is not security sensitive. We also request that you not submit proprietary information as part of your comment.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as