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Notice on Implementation of 2010 Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping Published

The Coast Guard has published a notice in the Federal Register announcing steps for implementation of the 2010 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, (STCW) concerning hours of rest and security-related training requirements. Because the final rule implementing the 2010 amendments to the STCW was not published before the January 1, 2012 entry into force date, there was a need to provide guidance on implementation of the amendments related to these requirements, which impact US vessels and seafarers. This notice applies to all vessels subject to STCW under current regulations.

The Federal Register notice and related materials may be reviewed online at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-04/pdf/2011-33818.pdf.

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Sincerely,

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