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Merchant Mariner's Documents Final Rule Published

The Coast Guard announced today *Federal Register* publication of a final rule for the previously published rulemaking, Validation of merchant mariners' vital information and issuance of Coast Guard Merchant Mariner's Documents (Merchant Mariner's Documents).

On June 16, 2011, the Coast Guard published in the Federal Register (76 FR 35173), a notice of intent to finalize with request for comments to finalize the remaining section of the January 6, 2004 interim rule that has not been addressed in subsequent rulemakings, 46 CFR 12.01-1(a)(1) *Purpose of rules in this part*. The Coast Guard received no public comments. There is no mandatory cost to the public as a result of this final rule.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering docket number: USCG-2003-14500.

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