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## Notice of Policy Review for Self-Defense of Vessels of the United States

Today the U.S. Coast Guard has published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the completion of a policy review regarding self-defense of United States vessels. It has reaffirmed that the existing guidance is valid and sufficient and is not issuing new guidance on the subject at this time. This policy review was undertaken in response to Section 912 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, which protects an individual from liability relating to the use of force to defend a vessel against an act of piracy in accordance with standard rules of self-defense.

The Federal Register notice and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-0012.

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