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International Anti-Fouling System Certificates Final Rule Published

The Coast Guard announced today *Federal Register* publication of a final rule that amends Coast Guard regulations for international certificates issued by recognized classification societies on its behalf.

Last year, Congress and the President enacted legislation to implement the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (Convention). This final rule adds the International Anti-Fouling Systems (IAFS) certificate to the list of international certificates that a recognized classification society can be authorized to issue on the Coast Guard's behalf. By this action, the Coast Guard seeks to ensure U.S. ship owners and operators can conveniently obtain an IAFS certificate. The rule becomes effective January 9, 2012.

This final rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>; docket number: USCG-2011-0745.

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