(b) If, upon receipt of the Board's recommendation, the Commandant is not satisfied that the character and habits of life of the applicant or holder are such as to warrant the belief that his holder are such as to warrant the belief that his presence on board vessels of the United States would not be inimical to the security of the United States, the Commandant shall:

(1) In the case of an applicant for special validation endorsement, notify him of the Commandant's refusal to enter such endorsement;

(2) In the case of an applicant for a Merchant Mariner's Document, notify him of the Commandant's refusal to issue such document; or

(3) In the case of a holder, revoke and require

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(c) Such applicant or holder shall be notified of his right, and shall have 20 days from the re-

of his right, and shall have 20 days from the receipt of such notice within which, to appeal under this part.

121.23 Appeals. (a) The Commandant shall establish at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., an Appeal Board to hear appeals provided for in this part. The Commandant shall designate for the Appeal Board a Chairman, who shall be, so far as practicable, an officer of the Coast Guard. The Commandant shall designate, so far as practicable, a member from a panel of persons representing management nominated by the Secretary of Labor, and a member from a panel of persons representing labor nominated by the Secretary of Labor. The Commandant shall insure that persons designated as Appeal Board members have suitable security clearance. The Chairman of the Appeal Board shall make all arrangements incident to the business of the Appeal Board.

(b) If an applicant or holder appeals to the Appeal Board within 20 days after receipt of notice of his right to appeal under this part, his appeal shall be handled under the same procedure as that specified in Section 121.15 and the privilege of challenge may be exercised through the same procedure as that specified in Section 121.17.

(c) Appeal Board proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as that specified in Continuous 103.10

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121.25 Action by Commandant after appeal.
(a) If, upon receipt of the Appeal Board's recommendation, the Commandant is satisfied that the character and habits of life of the applicant or holder are such as to warrant the belief that his presence on board vessels of the United States would not be inimical to the security of the United States, he shall, in the case of an applicant, direct that a special validation endorsement be entered on his Merchant Mariner's Document, or, in the case of a holder, notify him accordingly.

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(b) If, upon receipt of the Appeal Board's recommendation, the Commandant is not satisfied that the character and habits of life of the applicant or holder are such as to warrant the belief that his presence on board vessels of the United States would not be inimical to the security of the United States, the Commandant shall notify the applicant or holder that his appeal is denied.

121.27 Outstanding endorsements and applications. (a) All special validation endorsements for emergency service entered upon Merchant Mariner's Documents will be accepted as valid until canceled, revoked, or suspended by proper authority.

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(b) A person who has filed an application for a Merchant Mariner's Document bearing a special validation endorsement for emergency service and who has not received such an endorsement prior to May 1, 1956, shall submit a new application in accordance with the requirements of this part.

121.29 Applications previously denied. A person who has been denied a Merchant Mariner's Document bearing a special validation endorsement for emergency service, before May 1, 1956, may file a new application for such an endorsement in accordance with the requirements of this part.