

AMENDING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL ACT OF 1950 1783

SECURITY OF VESSELS AND WATERFRONT FACILITIES

CHAPTER 14—INSPECTION OF STEAM VESSELS

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(1) Vessels included.

All vessels, regardless of tonnage, size, or manner of propulsion, and whether self-propelled or not, and whether carrying freight or passengers for hire or not, that shall have on board any inflammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk, except public vessels owned by the United States, other than those engaged in commercial service, shall be considered steam vessels for the purposes of title 52 of the Revised Statutes and shall be subject to the provisions thereof: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to vessels having on board only inflammable or combustible liquid for use as fuel or stores or to vessels carrying liquid cargo only in drums, barrels, or other packages.

(2) Rules and regulations for handling liquid cargo.

In order to secure effective provision against the hazards of life and property created by the vessels to which this section applies, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall establish such additional rules and regulations as may be necessary with respect to the design and construction, alteration, or repair of such vessels, including the superstructures, hulls, places for stowing and carrying such liquid cargo, fittings, equipment, appliances, propulsive machinery, auxiliary machinery, and boilers thereof; and with respect to all materials used in such construction, alteration, or repair; and with respect to the handling and stowage of such liquid cargo; the manner of such handling or stowage; and the machinery and appliances used in such handling and stowage; and with respect to equipment and appliances for lifesaving and fire protection; and with respect to the operation of such vessels; and with respect to the requirements of the manning of such vessels and the

duties and qualifications of the officers and crews thereof; and with respect to the inspection of all the foregoing. In establishing such rules and regulations the Commandant of the Coast Guard may adopt rules of the American Bureau of Shipping or similar American classification society for classed vessels insofar as such rules pertain to the efficiency of hulls and the reliability of machinery of vessels to which this section applies. In establishing such rules and regulations, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall give due consideration to the kinds and grades of such liquid cargo permitted to be on board such vessel.

(3) Hearing before approval of rules.

Before any rules and regulations, or any alteration, amendment, or repeal thereof, are approved by the Commandant of the Coast Guard under the provisions of this section, except in an emergency, the said Commandant shall publish such rules and regulations and hold hearings with respect thereto on such notice as he deems advisable under the circumstances.

(4) Certificate of inspection and permit required; time of endorsing permit; inspection; duration of permit; vessels of foreign nations; permit for prohibited materials.

No vessel subject to the provisions of this section shall, after the effective date of the rules and regulations established hereunder, have on board such liquid cargo, until a certificate of inspection has been issued to such vessel in accordance with the provisions of title 52 of the Revised Statutes and until a permit has been endorsed on such certificate of inspection by the Coast Guard, indicating that such vessel is in compliance with the provisions of this section and the rules and regulations established hereunder, and showing the kinds and grades of such liquid cargo that such vessel may have on board or transport. Such permit shall not be endorsed by the Coast Guard on such certificate of inspection until such vessel has been inspected by the Coast Guard and found to be in compliance with the provisions of this section and the rules and regulations established hereunder. For the purpose of any such inspection, approved plans and certificates of class of the American Bureau of Shipping or other recognized classification society for classed vessels may be accepted as evidence of the structural efficiency of the hull and the reliability of the machinery of such classed vessels except as far as existing law places definite responsibility on the Coast Guard. A permit issued under the provisions of this section shall be valid for a period of time not to exceed the duration of