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SUBJ: D17 FISHING VESSEL SAFETY POLICY 2-95

1. Title 46 CFR Part 105 does not apply to fishing vessels or fish tender vessels of less than 500 gross tons. This change was brought about with the rewrite of 46 USC. The regulations have not been changed to reflect the change in the USC. However, it will be D17 policy to conduct a courtesy Part 105 exam for fishing vessels and fish tender vessels under 500 gross tons, when requested by the owner/operator.

2. A dockside examination will also be required in conjunction with the Part 105 exam to ensure compliance with the safety regulations. This requirement will help eliminate concerns that the vessels only comply with parts of Coast Guard regulations. The requesting party shall be informed of this requirement prior to the examination.

  
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