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Subj: CH-1 to NVIC 13-91, Fishing Industry Vessel Third Party Examination and Procedures for Designation of "Accepted Organizations" and "Similarly Qualified Organizations"

1. PURPOSE. This Circular updates Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) NO. 13-91, by revising the methods of distribution of examination decals, and expanding the scope of voluntary dockside examinations of commercial fishing industry vessels.
2. SUMMARY OF CHANGES.
 - a. NVIC 13-91, paragraphs 3.a and 3.b, established a system for voluntary dockside examination decal distribution, whereby decals were produced by Commandant (G-MVI) and distributed to third party organizations through each district fishing vessel safety coordinator. This change revises the decal distribution system to the extent that the decals will be produced and distributed by Commandant (G-MVI) directly to the third party organizations. This revision provides for more efficient distribution and better control of Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination decals.
 - b. Also, paragraphs 3.a and 3.b of NVIC 13-91 require that reports drafted by the third party organizations pursuant to a commercial fishing industry vessel examination state that the vessel has been examined and found in compliance with the provisions of 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 28. Effective January 1, 1993, the scope of the voluntary dockside examination was broadened to include all federal regulations applicable to commercial fishing industry vessels, not only 46 CFR 28 regulations.

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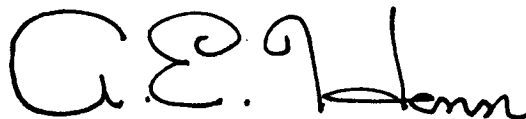
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2. b. (cont'd) This information, implementing the revision in the scope of voluntary dockside examinations, was provided directly by Commandant (G-MVI) to each third party organization with the 1993 decal distribution. The scope of the required examination of fish processing vessels as stated in 46 CFR 28.710 is not changed by this revision. However, if the operator of a fish processing vessel desires a decal be issued, the vessel will have to undergo the more comprehensive voluntary exam.
3. **ACTION.** Delete the word "other" in paragraph 1, line 12. Paragraphs 3.a and 3.b are replaced by the following:
 - a. 46 CFR 28.700 stipulates that each fish processing vessel which is not subject to inspection must be examined biennially. 46 CFR 28.710(b) defines the scope of the examination to include the regulations in 46 CFR Chapter I. Examinations are to be performed by the American Bureau of Shipping, a "similarly qualified organization," or a surveyor of an "accepted organization". These vessels, when examined and found to be in compliance with 46 CFR Chapter I are issued a certification of compliance in accordance with 46 CFR 28.710(c). A fish processing vessel, which in addition to the requirements of 46 CFR Chapter I, is found through a voluntary examination to be in compliance with all Federal Regulations (to include Title 33) will be issued a serialized examination decal, which will be displayed by the vessel on, or adjacent to a starboard side forward pilothouse window. These decals will be produced and distributed by Commandant (G-MVI) directly to the third party organizations' headquarters. The certification of compliance issued to fish processing vessels must be retained on board the vessel until superseded in accordance with 46 CFR 28.710(d). A copy of the certification of compliance and serial number of the decal, if issued, will be forwarded by the organization to the Coast Guard district commander (Attn: Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator).
 - b. In addition to the required and voluntary examination of fish processing vessels, "similarly qualified organizations" and "accepted organizations" may conduct voluntary examinations of fishing and fish tender vessels. This voluntary program should be perceived by owners and operators as an opportunity to verify compliance with the regulations as part of, or independent from, other surveys third parties may be conducting. The scope of these voluntary examinations is to include all federal regulations applicable to the vessel as indicated in paragraph 3.a above. A report signed by the individual performing the examination

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3. b. (cont'd) should be completed. The report should include the name of the examiner, the third party organization they represent, and a statement that the vessel has been examined and found in compliance with all Federal requirements applicable to commercial fishing industry vessels. Procedures for the issuance and display of decals are the same as those discussed above. A copy of the report should be forwarded by the organization to the Coast Guard district commander (Attn: Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator).



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