US Coast Guard Foreign Passenger Vessel Examinations

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USCG Foreign Passenger Vessel Exams

- Certificate of Compliance Exams

- Inspection Items

- Environmental Considerations

- Deficiencies and Enforcement Actions

- USCG Maritime Information Exchange

Types of USCG Examinations

- Certificate of Compliance (COC) Examination

    - Annual Examination

        – Conducted on an annual basis.

        – Full scope: Focuses on proper operation and maintenance of shipboard firefighting, lifesaving, and emergency systems.

        – Includes 6 USCG Port State Control Examiners.

        – Takes approximately 5-8 hours.

    - Periodic Examination

        – Conducted on a semi-annual basis.

        – Frequency may be increased due to compliance history.

        – Reduced scope: Focuses on safe operation of the ship, and performance of ship's officers and crew.

Inspection Items

- Ship's Documents

- Bridge Safety and Navigation Equipment

- Security Systems

- Firefighting

- Fire and Abandon Ship Drill w/Passenger Muster

- Environmental

- Machinery Systems

- Survival Equipment

Environmental Considerations

- Waste Streams

    - Verify vessel is operating per its waste management procedures.

        - Oil Pollution Prevention

        - Grey Water/Black Water Discharge

        - Hazardous Waste Handling

        - Garbage Management Plan

Deficiencies and Enforcement

- Minor Deficiencies
    - Corrected on the spot.
    - Correct within 30 days.
- Major Deficiencies
    - Correct prior to movement and/or departure.
- Certificate of Compliance Revocation
    - Ship is no longer able to carry passengers for hire within U.S. waters.
- Notice of Violation
    - Financial penalty for non-adherence to US Laws.
- Civil Penalty (Class I/II)
    - Most serious cases. Involves court hearings/federal judges.

USCG Maritime Information Exchange

- .Coast Guard maritime information available on the public internet in the form of searchable databases.

- Port State Information Exchange

  - Search both open and closed cases for Foreign Vessel operating in U.S. waters.

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Questions?

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