NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [1847]  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other** **[X]:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Small passenger vessels; Protection against fire (ICS 13.220), Small craft (ICS 47.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Fire Safety of Small Passenger Vessels (14 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Interim rule - The Coast Guard is issuing an interim rule as the first step to implementing the statutorily mandated requirements for fire safety on certain covered small passenger vessels. This statutory mandate is in response to the fire and loss of life on the dive boat CONCEPTION off the coast of California on 2 September 2019. This interim rule adds additional fire safety requirements for small passenger vessels, including fire detection and suppression systems, avenues of escape, egress drills, crew firefighting training, watchmen monitoring devices, and the handling of flammable items such as rechargeable batteries. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  86 Federal Register (FR) 73160, 27 December 2021; Title 46 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 114, 116, 118, 122, 175, 177, 181, and 185: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-27/html/2021-27549.htm> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-12-27/pdf/2021-27549.pdf>  This interim rule is identified by Docket Number USCG-2021-0306. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/USCG-2021-0306/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) by or before [4pm](https://time.is/EST) Eastern Time on 27 June 2022. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/USCG-2021-0306/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 27 June 2022 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/USA/22_0126_00_e.pdf> |