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Changes to Survival Craft Equipment Requirements for US Vessels

The Coast Guard has updated type approval requirements for survival craft carried on U.S. flagged vessels. This update removes the requirement for nine pieces of survival craft equipment to have Coast Guard type approval and now requires the manufacturer self-certify that the equipment complies with a consensus standard. These nine types of equipment will no longer have Coast Guard Certificates of Approvals (COAs). This [rule](#) goes into effect on 14 December 2022.

The following table shows the nine types of equipment and their new certification and marking requirements.

| Equipment | Previously Complied With | Previously Marked "USCG Approved" & | Now Complies With | Now Marked As* |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Hatchet | 46 CFR 160.013 | 160.013/xxx | 46 CFR 199.175(b)(13) | No marking required |
| Compass | 46 CFR 160.014 | 160.014/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 ISO 25862:2009 | Meets ISO 18813 and ISO 25862 |
| Sea Anchor | 46 CFR 160.019 | 160.019/xxx | ISO 17339:2018 | Meets ISO 17339 |
| Signal Mirror | 46 CFR 160.020 | 160.020/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |
| Emergency Water | 46 CFR 160.026 | 160.026/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |
| First Aid Kit (LB) | 46 CFR 160.041 | 160.041/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |
| First Aid Kit (LR) | 46 CFR 160.054 | 160.054/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |
| Jackknife | 46 CFR 160.043 | 160.043/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |
| Bilge pump | 46 CFR 160.044 | 160.044/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |
| Fishing Tackle | 46 CFR 160.061 | 160.061/xxx | ISO 18813:2006 | Meets ISO 18813 |

*Marking will be updated once the previous COA expires and new products are manufactured

Certificates of Approval (COAs) for these equipment types are valid until their expiry. COAs are approvals for the manufacturing of equipment and the validity dates correspond to the dates a manufacture is authorized to produce equipment in accordance with the COA. Once a manufacturer's COA expires, they must transition their previous USCG approvals marked "USCG approved" to a new label on the newly produced equipment that shows compliance with the consensus standard.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to the cognizant OCMI or the Office of Design and Engineering Standards, Commandant (CG-ENG) at TypeApproval@uscg.mil.

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