

Section 9308 prescribes the penalties for violations of sections 9302 and 9303.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 101-380 substituted “no more than \$10,000” for “\$500”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-380 applicable to incidents occurring after Aug. 18, 1990, see section 1020 of Pub. L. 101-380, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2701 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

PART G—MERCHANT SEAMEN PROTECTION AND RELIEF

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Part G provides for a number of measures for the protection and relief of merchant seamen by requiring certain contractual obligations between the master who represents the vessel owner’s interest and the seamen who are engaged or employed on board a vessel, by requiring certain proceedings when a seaman dies or a vessel is suspected of being unseaworthy, by requiring certain standards for accommodations, medicine, clothing, miscellaneous merchandise, and for the handling of special and unique problems of seamen. It also provides for a method of imposing disciplinary controls through the logging of offenses and provides penalties for specified offenses, and certain related disciplinary procedures. The provisions of this part generally do not apply to fishing vessels, whaling vessels, or yachts.

CHAPTER 101—GENERAL

Sec.

- 10101. Definitions.
- [10102. Repealed.]
- 10103. Reports.
- 10104. Requirement to report sexual offenses.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-206, title IV, § 422(c)(2), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2439, struck out item 10102 “Designations and duties of shipping commissioners”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-225, title II, § 214(b), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1914, substituted “Requirement to report sexual offenses” for “Regulations” in item 10104.

§ 10101. Definitions

In this part—

(1) “master” means the individual having command of a vessel.

(2) “owner” means the person to whom the vessel belongs.

(3) “seaman” means an individual (except scientific personnel, a sailing school instructor, or a sailing school student) engaged or employed in any capacity on board a vessel.

(4) “fishing vessel” includes—

(A) a fish tender vessel; or

(B) a fish processing vessel entered into service before January 1, 1988, and not more than 1,600 gross tons as measured under section 14502 of this title, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of this title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of this title or entered into service after December 31, 1987, and having not more than 16 individuals on board primarily employed in the preparation of fish or fish products.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 560; Pub. L. 98-364, title IV, § 402(13), July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 449; Pub. L. 98-557, § 33(d), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat.

2876; Pub. L. 99-640, § 10(b)(3), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3550; Pub. L. 104-324, title VII, § 736, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3941.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
10101	46:713

Section 10101 defines the terms master, seaman, and owner as they apply to merchant seamen’s protection and relief.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Par. (4)(B). Pub. L. 104-324 inserted “as measured under section 14502 of this title, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of this title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of this title” after “1,600 gross tons”.

1986—Pars. (1), (3). Pub. L. 99-640 struck out “owned by a citizen of the United States” after “vessel”.

1984—Par. (4). Pub. L. 98-364, as amended Pub. L. 98-557, added par. (4).

§ 10102. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-206, title IV, § 422(c)(1), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2439]

Section, Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 560, related to designations and duties of shipping commissioners.

§ 10103. Reports

(a) A master of a vessel to which section 8701(a) of this title applies, who engages or discharges a seaman, shall submit reports to the vessel owner in the form, content, and manner of filing as prescribed by regulation, to ensure compliance with laws related to manning and the engagement and discharge of seamen.

(b) This section does not apply to a ferry or towing vessel operated in connection with a ferry operation, employed only in trades other than with foreign ports, lakes, bays, sounds, bayous, canals, or harbors.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 560; Pub. L. 103-206, title IV, § 417, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2438.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
10103	46:643(l)

Section 10103 requires that masters who engage or discharge seamen submit to the Coast Guard reports of the manning of the vessel, and reports of shipping agreements which are not supervised by a shipping commissioner. It also contains a number of exceptions for specified vessels.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-206 struck out “without a shipping commissioner being present” after “discharges a seaman” and inserted “to the vessel owner” after “shall submit reports”.

§ 10104. Requirement to report sexual offenses

(a) A master or other individual in charge of a documented vessel shall report to the Secretary a complaint of a sexual offense prohibited under chapter 109A of title 18, United States Code.

(b) A master or other individual in charge of a documented vessel who knowingly fails to report in compliance with this section is liable to