

class radiotelegraph operator’s license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

(b) An endorsement as radiotelegraph operator on the Great Lakes only ends if the holder ceases to hold the license issued by the Commission.

(Pub. L. 98–89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 545.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
7318	46:229c 46:229g 46:643(a)

Section 7318 specifies that radiotelegraph operators on the Great Lakes shall have a first-class or second-class radiotelegraph operator’s license issued by the FCC and need not be licensed as a radio operator by the Coast Guard. However, an endorsement as radio telegraph operator has to be noted on his merchant mariners’ document. If the holder ceases to have a valid FCC license, then the endorsement is terminated automatically without recourse to suspension and revocation proceedings.

§ 7319. Records of merchant mariners’ documents

The Secretary shall maintain records on each merchant mariner’s document issued, including the name and address of the seaman to whom issued and the next of kin of the seaman.

(Pub. L. 98–89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 545; Pub. L. 108–293, title IV, § 403, Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1043.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
7319	46:643(f)

Section 7319 requires the Secretary to maintain records on each merchant mariner’s document issued and the seaman’s next of kin. However, these records are not open for general or public inspection.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108–293 struck out at end “The records are not open to general or public inspection.”

CHAPTER 75—GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND DOCUMENTATION

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AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114–120, title III, §§ 309(c), 315(a)(2), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 57, 62, added items 7509 and 7510.

2012—Pub. L. 112–213, title III, § 306(b), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1565, added item 7508.

2010—Pub. L. 111–281, title VI, § 615(b), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2972, added item 7507.

1996—Pub. L. 104–324, title VII, § 745(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3943, added item 7506.

1990—Pub. L. 101–380, title IV, § 4105(c), Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 513, added item 7505.

1986—Pub. L. 99–640, § 10(b)(2)(B), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3550, added item 7504.

§ 7501. Duplicates

(a) If a license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner’s document issued under this part is lost as a result of a marine casualty, the holder shall be supplied with a duplicate without cost.

(b) For any other loss, the seaman may obtain a duplicate on payment of reasonable costs prescribed by regulation by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 98–89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 545; Pub. L. 99–36, § 1(a)(9)(C), May 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 68.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
7501	46:643(h)

Section 7501(a) provides that if a license, certificate or document issued to an individual is lost due to a marine casualty, the individual will be supplied with a duplicate without cost.

Subsection (b) provides that if a license, certificate or document is lost for any reason other than a marine casualty, the seaman must pay a reasonable cost for the replacement.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99–36 substituted “certificate of registry, or merchant mariner’s document” for “certificate, or document”.

§ 7502. Records

(a) The Secretary shall maintain records, including electronic records, on the issuances, denials, suspensions, and revocations of licenses, certificates of registry, merchant mariners’ documents, and endorsements on those licenses, certificates, and documents.

(b) The Secretary may prescribe regulations requiring a vessel owner or managing operator of a commercial vessel, or the employer of a seaman on that vessel, to maintain records of each individual engaged on the vessel subject to inspection under chapter 33 on matters of engagement, discharge, and service for not less than 5 years after the date of the completion of the service of that individual on the vessel. The regulations may require that a vessel owner, managing operator, or employer shall make these records available to the individual and the Coast Guard on request.

(c) A person violating this section, or a regulation prescribed under this section, is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.

(Pub. L. 98–89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 545; Pub. L. 101–380, title IV, § 4114(e), Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 517; Pub. L. 111–281, title VI, § 605, Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2967.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source section (U.S. Code)</i>
7502	46:414 46:643(f)