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2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, § 601(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4289, added item for part K.

2006—Pub. L. 109-304, § 15(1), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1702, in each chapter item, capitalized first letter of each word containing 4 or more letters, struck out item for chapter 39 “Carriage of animals”, and substituted “Uninspected Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels” for “Fish processing vessels” in item 45.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title X, § 1087(g)(6)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-294, substituted “mariner benefits” for “Mariner Benefits” in item 112.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title IV, § 402(b), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3337, added item 112.

1996—Pub. L. 104-324, title VI, § 602(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3930, added item 32.

1992—Pub. L. 102-587, title V, § 5304, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5083, added item 47.

1988—Pub. L. 100-710, title I, § 101(b), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4738, added item 125.

Pub. L. 100-424, § 6(b), Sept. 9, 1988, 102 Stat. 1592, added item 106.

1986—Pub. L. 99-509, title V, § 5101(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1913, inserted items for parts C and J.

1985—Pub. L. 99-36, § 1(a)(9)(A), May 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 67, substituted “Merchant Seamen Licenses, Certifications, and” for “Licenses, Certificates, and Merchant Mariners” in heading for part E.

1984—Pub. L. 98-364, title IV, § 402(7)(A), July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 446, inserted “generally” in item 41, reenacted item 43 without change, and added item 45.

PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Part A contains general provisions that apply throughout the subtitle and provisions that apply generally to the operation of all vessels.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Chapter 21 contains definitions that are general in nature and applicable to all references within Subtitle II—Vessels and Seamen. The chapter provides the basic authority and responsibility for the enforcement and administration of this subtitle with appropriate delegation and reporting requirements.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-281, title V, § 522(b), title VI, § 608(b), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2957, 2968, added items 2116 to 2118.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, § 3529(a)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 603, struck out item 2108 “Refund of penalties”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-324, title III, § 303(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3917, added item 2115.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title X, § 10401(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-398, substituted “Fees” for “Fees prohibited” in item 2110.

1984—Pub. L. 98-557, § 13(b), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2864, added item 2114.

§ 2101. General definitions

In this subtitle—

(1) “associated equipment”—

(A) means—

- (i) a system, accessory, component, or appurtenance of a recreational vessel; or
- (ii) a marine safety article intended for use on board a recreational vessel; but

(B) with the exception of emergency locator beacons for recreational vessels operating beyond 3 nautical miles from the baselines from which the territorial sea of the United States is measured or beyond 3 nautical miles from the coastline of the Great Lakes, does not include radio equipment.

(2) “Coast Guard” means the organization established and continued under section 1¹ of title 14.

(3) “Commandant” means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

(4) “commercial service” includes any type of trade or business involving the transportation of goods or individuals, except service performed by a combatant vessel.

(5) “consideration” means an economic benefit, inducement, right, or profit including pecuniary payment accruing to an individual, person, or entity, but not including a voluntary sharing of the actual expenses of the voyage, by monetary contribution or donation of fuel, food, beverage, or other supplies.

(6) “crude oil” means a liquid hydrocarbon mixture occurring naturally in the earth, whether or not treated to render it suitable for transportation, and includes crude oil from

¹ See References in Text note below.