§ 505. Penalty for violating regulation or order

A person convicted of knowingly and willfully violating a regulation or order of the Federal Maritime Commission or the Secretary of Transportation under subtitle IV or V of this title, for which no penalty is expressly provided, shall be fined not more than \$500. Each day of a continuing violation is a separate offense.

 $(Pub.\ L.\ 109–304,\ \S 4,\ Oct.\ 6,\ 2006,\ 120\ Stat.\ 1491.)$

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

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, $\S6(b)$, 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

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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.

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2010—Pub. L. 111–281, title V, $\S522(b)$, title VI, $\S608(b)$, 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, $\S 303(b)$, 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.

 $1984—Pub.\ L.\ 98-557,\ \S13(b),\ Oct.\ 30,\ 1984,\ 98\ Stat.\ 2864,\ added item\ 2114.$

§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 1^1 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 which certain distillate fractions may have been removed, and crude oil to which certain distillate fractions may have been added.
- (7) "crude oil tanker" means a tanker engaged in the trade of carrying crude oil.
- (8) "dangerous drug" means a narcotic drug, a controlled substance, or a controlled substance analog (as defined in section 102 of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 802)).
- (9) "discharge", when referring to a substance discharged from a vessel, includes spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or dumping, however caused.

 (10) "ferry" means a vessel that is used on a
- (10) "ferry" means a vessel that is used on a regular schedule—
 - (A) to provide transportation only between places that are not more than 300 miles apart; and
 - (B) to transport only—
 - (i) passengers; or
 - (ii) vehicles, or railroad cars, that are being used, or have been used, in transporting passengers or goods.
- (11) "fish" means finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of marine animal and plant life, except marine mammals and birds.
- (12) "fishing vessel" means a vessel that commercially engages in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish or an activity that can reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish.
- (13) "fish processing vessel" means a vessel that commercially prepares fish or fish products other than by gutting, decapitating, gilling, skinning, shucking, icing, freezing, or brine chilling.
- (14) "fish tender vessel" means a vessel that commercially supplies, stores, refrigerates, or transports fish, fish products, or materials directly related to fishing or the preparation of fish to or from a fishing, fish processing, or fish tender vessel or a fish processing facility.
- (15) "freight vessel" means a motor vessel of more than 15 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 that carries freight for hire, except an oceanographic research vessel or an offshore supply vessel.
- (16) "Great Lakes barge" means a non-self-propelled vessel of at least 3,500 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 operating on the Great Lakes.
- (17) "hazardous material" means a liquid material or substance that is—
 - (A) flammable or combustible;
- (B) designated a hazardous substance under section 311(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321); or
- (C) designated a hazardous material under section 5103(a) of title 49.

¹ See References in Text note below.