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## 46 CFR Part 160

[CGD 94-110]

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### Recreational Inflatable Personal Flotation Device Standards

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard published an interim rule (IR) on Recreational Inflatable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Standards on June 23, 1995, which introduced a new concept for approval of PFDs, the "Life-Saving Index" (LSI). Comments on the IR indicate that there is some confusion and uncertainty about use of the LSI. The Coast Guard will conduct a public meeting to discuss the use of the LSI in the approval of inflatable PFDs. This meeting is intended for PFD and inflation system manufacturers and technical experts knowledgeable in the field as well as other interested parties.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held August 28, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Notice of interest in participation should be made by August 23, 1995 to ensure adequate space is available. Written material must be received not later than October 23, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 2415, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. Persons having an interest in participating in the meeting, should notify the Coast Guard by contacting Mr. Samuel Wehr, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, Attn: G-MVI-3/14, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-1444 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, or facsimile (202) 267-1069.

Written comments may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA) (CGD 94-110), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477. Comments will

become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Samuel E. Wehr, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, Attn: G-MVI-3/14, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-1444 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, or facsimile (202) 267-1069.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard has received comments indicating that the "Life-Saving Index" (LSI) provisions of the Recreation Inflatable Personal Flotation Device Standards IR published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 1995 (60 FR 32836) are confusing and have caused uncertainty for manufacturers.

Appendix A to the Draft Regulatory Evaluation, which is on file as part of the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES** and was sent to manufacturers, provides a great deal of guidance on how to apply the LSI provisions in the approval process. However, to facilitate the use of this method for approval so that as wide a variety as possible of inflatable PFDs can be approved, the Coast Guard is holding this meeting.

The agenda for the August 28, 1995 meeting will include the following topics:

- (1) Overview of Appendix A to the Draft Regulatory Evaluation.
- (2) Response to questions on the information in Appendix A to the Draft Regulatory Evaluation.
- (3) Sample calculations of LSIs for representative PFD designs.
- (4) Discussion of methods to standardize the LSI model.
- (5) Discussion of potential methods to demonstrate increased wearability values for inflatable PFDs.
- (6) Coast Guard policy on annual review and revision of the minimum LSI value required for approval and impact on existing approvals issued under the LSI.
- (7) Discussion of PFD information pamphlet requirements and standardization.

Attendance is open to the public, but notice of intent to attend the meeting is requested in order that adequate space and audio/visual aids can be provided. In order to determine what accommodations need to be arranged, persons wishing to attend the meeting should notify Mr. Samuel Wehr at the number listed under **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT** by August 23, 1995.

Participants are reminded that discussion of issues outside the above agenda may be limited by the Coast Guard.

With advance notice and as time permits, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should make notification no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, August 24, 1995. Individuals making oral presentations at the meeting are encouraged to submit a written copy of their remarks for the rulemaking docket.

Interested persons are also invited to participate by providing written comments as requested in response to the IR cited above.

If as an outgrowth of this meeting, a standard is developed for the LSI Model, which provides a suitable basis for the evaluation of inflatable PFDs under 46 CFR 160.076-27, notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) or supplemental NPRM (SNPRM) in which the Coast Guard discusses and proposes adoption of all or part of it, will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 1

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### Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This Order will amend the Commission's Rules to reflect the correct citation to the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The Commission amended its rules to be in compliance with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The purpose of this Order is to provide guidance to the public and avoid any potential uncertainty.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 2, 1995.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy A. Whitley, Office of General Counsel, (202) 418-1720.