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TITLE 46--SHIPPING

Subtitle II--Vessels and Seamen

Part H--Identification of Vessels

CHAPTER 121--DOCUMENTATION OF VESSELS

Sec. 12120. Reports

To ensure compliance with this chapter and laws governing the qualifications of vessels to engage in the coastwise trade and the fisheries, the Secretary of Transportation may require owners and masters of documented vessels to submit reports in any reasonable form and manner the Secretary may prescribe.

(Pub. L. 98-89, Aug. 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 589; Pub. L. 100-710, title I, Sec. 104(a)(4), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4750.)

Historical and Revision Notes

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Section 12120 authorizes the Secretary to require masters and owners of documented vessels to submit reports to ensure compliance with this chapter and with the laws governing the qualifications required of vessels engaging in the coastwise trade and fisheries. These reports are for keeping the vessel data current and certificates of documentation up to date.

Amendments

1988--Pub. L. 100-710 inserted ``of Transportation'' after first reference to ``Secretary''.

Effective Date of 1988 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-710 effective Jan. 1, 1989, with certain exceptions and qualifications, see section 107 of Pub. L. 100-710, set out as an Effective Date note under section 30101 of this title.