

may be operated, they shall be appropriately endorsed *Inspected and approved for the carriage of flammable or combustible liquids of Grade A, B, C, D, or E* (as the case may be), and such endorsement shall serve as a permit for such vessel to operate. The endorsement for the carriage of liquefied flammable gases is set forth in § 38.01-5 of this subchapter.

(c) The certificate of inspection shall be delivered to the master or owner of the tank vessel to which it relates.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16662, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGD 73-96, 42 FR 49024, Sept. 26, 1977; CGD 79-023, 48 FR 51006, Nov. 4, 1983; CGD 84-069, 61 FR 25286, May 20, 1996]

**§ 31.05-5 Posting the certificate of inspection—TB/ALL.**

The certificate of inspection shall be framed under glass and posted in a conspicuous part of the vessel, except that where it is not practicable to so expose the certificate of inspection it shall be carried in the vessel in such manner as authorized by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

**§ 31.05-10 Period of validity for a Certificate of Inspection—TB/ALL.**

(a) A Certificate of Inspection is valid for 5 years.

(b) Application may be made by the master, owner, or agent for inspection and issuance of a new certificate of inspection at any time during the period of validity of the current certificate.

(c) Certificates of inspection may be revoked or suspended by the Coast Guard where such process is authorized by law. This may occur if the vessel does not meet the requirements of law or regulations in this chapter or if there is a failure to maintain the safety requirements requisite to the issuance of a certificate of inspection.

[CGFR 68-82, 33 FR 18804, Dec. 18, 1968, as amended by CGD 95-012, 60 FR 48049, Sept. 18, 1995; USCG-1999-4976, 65 FR 6499, Feb. 9, 2000]

**§ 31.05-15 Certificate of inspection; terms; endorsements—TB/ALL.**

The terms, endorsements and conditions set forth on a certificate of inspection shall have the same force and effect as the regulations contained in this subchapter.

**Subpart 31.10—Inspections**

**§ 31.10-1 Recognized classification society—TB/ALL.**

(a) In the inspection of hulls, boilers, and machinery, the current standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping and designated *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels* respecting material and construction of hulls, boilers, and machinery, except as otherwise provided for by law and regulations in this chapter, shall be accepted as standard by the Coast Guard.

(b) The current standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping in effect at the time of construction of the vessel, or otherwise as applicable, shall be used. The book *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels* is usually published annually and may be purchased from the American Bureau of Shipping, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060. These standards may be also examined at the office of the Commandant (G-M), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593-0001, or at the office of any Coast Guard District Commander or Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

(c) The approved plans and certificate of the American Bureau of Shipping, or other recognized classification society for classed vessels, may be accepted by the Coast Guard as evidence of the structural efficiency of the hull and reliability of machinery of vessels subject to the regulations in this subchapter, except as otherwise provided for by laws and regulations in this chapter.

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 16662, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 68-32, 33 FR 5712, Apr. 12, 1968; CGD 88-070, 53 FR 34533, Sept. 7, 1988; 53 FR 37570, Sept. 27, 1988; 53 FR 44011, Nov. 1, 1988; CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50461, Sept. 29, 1995; USCG-2000-7790, 65 FR 58459, Sept. 29, 2000]

**§ 31.10-5 Inspection of new tank vessels—TB/ALL.**

(a) *Plans.* Triplicate copies of contract plans and specifications shall be forwarded to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, in whose district the construction will take place, for submission to the Marine Safety Center, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001 for approval, but if the tank vessel is to be classed, such plans and