

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD	Cargo Securing Manuals	OMB No. 1625- 0122 Exp: 01/31/2026
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Who must comply?	Owners or operators of U.S. flag vessels that: 1) are 500 gross tons or more, and 2) carry cargo other than liquid or solid bulk cargo.
What is this collection about?	This information is used by the Coast Guard (CG) to 1) authorize recognized classification societies to approve cargo securing manuals (CSM) on its behalf; and 2) process applications for new cargo securing manuals (CSM) or revisions to an existing CSM.
Where do I find the requirements for this information?	1) Approval authorities: Title 33 Part 97 also authorizes recognized classification societies to review and approve CSMs on behalf of the CG. Part 97.305 lists the information that must be included in an application to the CG from an organization requesting authorization to serve as an approval authority. 2) CSM: Title 33 CFR Part 97 contains the requirements for a CSM and the criteria for when a CSM must be revised. These provisions are cross-referenced in the bulk solid regulations found at Title 46 CFR Part 97.12. All referenced Parts are available on-line at https://www.eCFR.gov . Select either TITLE 33 – Navigation and Navigable Waters, or TITLE 46, Shipping, and follow the directory to the respective parts.
When must information be submitted to the Coast Guard?	1) Approval authorities: An application is submitted at the discretion of a classification society. 2) CSM: The timing of the submission of a CSM is at the discretion of the vessel owner or operator.
How is the information submitted?	Applications for new CSM or revisions to existing CSM are e-mailed to the involved approval organization.
What happens when complete information is received?	1) Approval authorities: The CG will evaluate the request and respond with a written agreement that specifications of the authorization or give the organization a written explanation for why it was not approved. The organization may correct its deficiencies and resubmit its request. 2) CSM: The approval authority reviews the submitted CSM and if it approves will provide a CSM approval letter. If the CSM is not approved the authority will transmit a letter to the submitter containing an explanation of the why the CSM was disapproved and corrective actions. After correcting the deficiencies, the submitter may resubmit a revised CSM.
For additional information, contact--	The CG at— Commandant (CG-OES-2) Attn: Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7509 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, DC 20593-7509 ACEP@uscg.mil Or visit this LINK .

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