

**USCG UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINATION
BOOKLET GUIDELINES**

This booklet is to be used to record a voluntary examination of an Uninspected Towing Vessel. It provides a summary list of Coast Guard requirements to examiners and owners/operators of an Uninspected Towing Vessel. This booklet should be used in conjunction with the regulations or other aids developed by the Coast Guard to assist in understanding the regulations. This form must be used with the Requirements For Uninspected Towing Vessels (LANTINST 16710.1 Encl (1)).

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT
VOLUNTARY DOCKSIDE EXAMINATIONS
UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSELS**

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: Required by Public law 93-579

AUTHORITY: 46 USC 4101, USC 4102, 46 USC 4103, 46 USC 4105, 46 USC 4106, 46 USC 6101, 46 USC 6102, 46 USC 6103, 46 USC 7101, 46 USC 7102, 46 USC and 14 USC 89

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE (S): To document the Voluntary Dockside Examiner's report, enhance Towing Vessel safety and promote public awareness and education. Information may be retained on file indefinitely.

ROUTINE USE (S): This information is to be used for uniform Coast Guard reporting and administration of voluntary Dockside Examination data. It will be used to record the number of vessels and level of compliance with Coast Guard regulations.

MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE: Providing any information during the course of a voluntary dockside examination is voluntary. Failure to provide information necessary to ensure compliance with applicable regulation may prevent issuance of the safety decal.

Providing a vessel document/certificate of number by the operator of a vessel is mandatory. Failure to provide vessel documentation/ registration may prevent issuance of the safety decal.

USCG UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINATION RESULTS

Vessel Name _____ Official No. _____ Call Sign _____
 Home Port _____ Length _____ Yr Built _____
 EPIRB Hexadecimal ID [_____] [_____] [_____] Date Last Registered ____/____/____.
 Route: Oceans/ Near-coastal/ Great Lakes - Inland/ Western Rivers/ Limited Local Area ^(circle one)
 Hull Construction: S A F W Gross Tons _____ Net Tons _____ Tot. HP _____ No. of Eng _____
 Propulsion: DSL DIR _____ DSL RED _____ Last 4100T Boarding Date _____
 4100T Deficiencies Issued _____

Owner Address	Operator Address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Fax _____	Fax _____

As a result of the examination of this vessel, the following deficiencies were noted that prevented the issuance of the Uninspected Towing Vessel Safety Exam decal:

When these items have been corrected, please call to schedule a follow-up examination to receive the Uninspected Towing Vessel Safety Exam decal. This letter should be kept onboard the vessel.

Congratulations! Your vessel is in full compliance with the U. S. Coast Guard's Uninspected Towing Vessel Safety regulations for the operations described above. As evidence of this, an Uninspected Towing Vessel decal has been affixed to your vessel. This decal expires on ____/____/____. You are urged to maintain the high standards required to receive this decal, and have this vessel re-examined annually. If this vessel is subsequently sold, the decal should be removed and the o/o should contact the cognizant COTP.

_____ Examiner	_____ Date	_____ Vessel Representative
_____ Examiner's Unit		

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNINSPECTED TOWING VESSELS

REQUIREMENT	FIELD GUIDE PAGE	SOURCE	SAT	UN- SAT	N/A
PERSONNEL LICENSING					
Proper license in operator's possession: Original posted; endorsed for proper route with radar endorsement/certificate, vessels 26' or more	10	46 CFR 15.610 46 USC 7110			
Merchant Marine Documents: vessels 100 gross tons or more, not exclusively on navigable rivers routes	13	46 CFR 12.02.7(a)			
Licensed Operator for second watch on trips longer than 12 hours	15	46 CFR 15.705(d)			
DOCUMENTATION: VSLs AT LEAST 5 NET TONS					
Document with official number: On board and valid	19	46 CFR 67.313/.319			
Document endorsed for coastwise trade, Great Lakes or registry	19	46 CFR 67.15			
Official number: Permanently affixed and visible on interior structure	19	46 CFR 67.121			
Name and hailing port: Displayed in correct locations on vessel	20	46 CFR 67.123(a)			
DOCUMENTATION: VSLs LESS THAN 5 NET TONS					
State numbering certificate: On board (if not documented)	20	33 CFR 173.21			
State numbers: Permanently/correctly displayed on port and stbd bow	20	33 CFR 173.27			
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING					
Vsl or company participating in random testing program	22	46 CFR 16.230			
Alcohol testing devices readily accessible and adequate number	23	46 CFR 4.06-15			
Chemical test records kept on file for 1 or 5 years	24	46 CFR 16.260			
MARINE CASUALTY REPORTING					
Operator aware of reporting requirements (CG-2692)	25	46 CFR 4.01/4.05			
NAVIGATION SAFETY EQUIPMENT: VSLs 12 METERS (39.4 Feet) OR MORE					
Radar: Operational, meets RTCM class requirements	27	33 CFR 164.72(a)(1)			
Searchlight: Operational, illuminate objects 2X length of tow	28	33 CFR 164.72(a)(2)			
Magnetic compass: Readable from steering station, illuminated. On Western Rivers can replace with swing-meter	28	33 CFR 164.72(a)(4)			
Echo depth-sounding device: Operational, readable from steering station. Not required on Western Rivers	28	33 CFR 164.72(a)(5)			
Electronic position fixing device operational: Loran C or GPS if seaward of the navigable waters	29	33 CFR 164.72(a)(6), 33 CFR 164.41			
Charts and publications: Onboard, current and corrected	29	33 CFR 164.72(b)(1)			
Inland Navigation Rules, COMDTINST M16672.2D: Onboard	36	33 CFR 88.05			
COMMUNICATIONS					
VHF-FM radio: With ch1 13 & 16 simultaneous, vsls 26' or more. Additional radio capable of ch1 67 in Lower Mississippi	33	33 CFR 164.72(a)(3) 33 CFR 26.03			
FCC ship/station license: All transmitting gear listed on license (including Radar and EPIRB)	33	47 CFR 80.25 33 CFR 164.72(a)(3)			
Valid Radio operator's permit	33	33 CFR 164.72(a)(3)			
NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND SOUND SIGNALS					
Proper navigation lights operational: Mast, side, stern, towing	36	COLREGS Rule 24			
Sound producing device operational: ≥ 12 M / Whistle. ≥ 20 M Whistle and Bell (min 300 mm / 11.8" dia.).	37	33 CFR 86.23 COLREGS Rule 33			
GARBAGE POLLUTION PREVENTION					
Garbage pollution placard: 9" x 4" posted in prominent location, vsls 26' or more	40	33 CFR 151.59			
Waste Management Plan: Onboard, vsls ≥ 40' that are Oceangoing	41	33 CFR 151.55			

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REQUIREMENT	FIELD GUIDE PAGE	SOURCE	SA T	UN-SAT	N/A
LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT					
Personal flotation devices: Type, retro tape, light as applicable	42	46 CFR 25.25-5(a)			
Ring buoy: Approved, in good condition: Onboard, vsls 26'.	44	46 CFR 25.25-5(d)			
EPIRB: Category I, vsls 36' or more operating beyond 3 NM	45	46 CFR 25.26-20			
EPIRB: Category I or II, vsls less than 36' operating beyond 3 NM	45	46 CFR 25.26-20			
FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION					
Fire extinguishing equipment	46	46 CFR 25.30			
Fire pump, fixed or portable	48	46 CFR 27.301			
B-V Fire extinguishing system or fixed fire-extinguishing for engine room	49	46 CFR 27.303/305			
General alarm: Audible with red flashing light in engine room	51	46 CFR 27.201			
Fire detection: Audible alarm with sensors in engine room	51	46 CFR 27.203			
Internal communications: 2-way with separate power source	52	46 CFR 27.205			
Fuel shut off valves: Remote operated, clearly labeled controls	53	46 CFR 27.207			
Fuel system requirements: Ventilation standards met, for new vsls	53	46 CFR 27.211			
Fire Fighting Training and drills: All hands participation, monthly	55	46 CFR 27.209			
Safety Orientation: Any crew member that hasn't done drills/instruction	56	46 CFR 27.209			
MARINE SANITATION DEVICES					
Correct MSD for vsl's length: Type II or III only for vsls over 65'.	57	33 CFR 159.7			
Identification/instruction placards: Type I and II only	57	33 CFR 159.55/.59			
Overboard discharge valve: If fitted, physically secured within 3 NM from shore	57	33 CFR 159.7(b)/(c)			
OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION					
Oil pollution placard: 5" x 8" posted at bilge control, vsls 26' or more	59	33 CFR 155.450			
Pumping, piping and discharge system for oily water mixtures	59	33 CFR 155.350/.410/.420			
Oil containment system: At overflows, vents and fill valves	61	33 CFR 155.320			
Oil transfer hoses: Marked "oil service" and minimum working pressure, proper fittings	61	33 CFR 154.500			
Oil transfer procedures: Posted where easily seen by crew during oil transfers (if vsl has capacity \geq 250bbl (10,500 gals).	62	33 CFR 155.720			
Vessel response plan: For vsl transferring \geq 25% of their oil capacity as cargo	63	33 CFR 155.1045			
TOWLINE AND TERMINAL GEAR: VSLs 12 METERS OR MORE					
Towline & gear: Appropriate for vsl's HP, expected work loads, weather, temperature	64	33 CFR 164.74(a) 33 CFR 164.76			
Towline monitoring: Initial breaking strength, tensile tests, records kept on file	65	33 CFR 164.74(a)			
Towline rigging: Spliced w/thimble or poured socket, no knots or wire clips	65	33 CFR 164.74(a)(2)			
Terminal gear: Visual inspections conducted, log kept aboard vsl	67	33 CFR.164.74(b) .76			