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## Clarification of Certification of Inspection (COI) Dates

This bulletin is intended to provide clarity for owners and operators of inspected vessels on inspection type date requirements. The requirements listed below are not new, and apply to all vessels subject to inspection and certification under Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subchapter T and Subchapter K.

Subchapter T - 46 CFR 176.107(a) & Subchapter K - 46 CFR 115.107(a):

- COI is valid for 1 year for vessels carrying more than 12 passengers on international voyages.\*\*

Subchapter T - 46 CFR 176.107(b) & Subchapter K - 46 CFR 115.107(b):

- COI is valid for 5 years for all other vessels.\*\*

Subchapter T - 46 CFR 176.500(b)(1) & Subchapter K - 46 CFR 115.500(b)(1):

- An annual inspection within the **3 months before or after** each anniversary date.

| First Year Example: | <u>COI Issuance Date</u> | <u>Anniversary Date</u> | <u>Annual Inspection Period</u>  |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                     | May 16, 2014             | May 16, 2015            | March 16, 2015 – August 16, 2015 |

Subchapter T - 46 CFR 176.502 & Subchapter K - 46 CFR 115.502:

- To maintain a valid COI, you must complete your annual inspection within your annual inspection period and your COI must be endorsed.

Subchapter T - 46 CFR 176.600 & Subchapter K - 46 CFR 115.600:

- Specifies drydock and internal structural examination intervals. **These dates do not have an inspection period.**

\*\* : Once the expiration date has passed, the COI is no longer valid and a vessel subject to Subchapter T or K may not be operated. In accordance with 46 CFR 176.400 or 46 CFR 115.400, an application for inspection on Form CG-3752, "Application for Inspection of U.S. Vessel," must be submitted to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) for an initial COI. In accordance with 46 CFR 176.404 or 46 CFR 115.404, Form CG-3752 shall be submitted to the OCMI at least **30 days** in prior to the expiration date of the COI to schedule a COI renewal inspection.

**Failure to comply with these regulations could result in suspension & revocation proceedings and/or removal of the COI.**

If you have questions, comments, or to schedule an inspection, please contact the Sector Inspection Division at 619-278-7241, e-mail [dinspections@uscg.mil](mailto:dinspections@uscg.mil) or fax 619-278-7235.

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