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(d) Each additional vessel which does not exceed the respective tonnages indicated on the Master Certificate and which is eligible for coverage by a Master Certificate is automatically covered by that Master Certificate. Before acquiring a vessel, by any means, including conversion of an existing vessel, that would have the effect of increasing the certificant's required amount of financial responsibility (above that provided for issuance of the existing Master Certificate), the certificant shall submit to the Director, NPFC, the following:

(1) Evidence of increased financial responsibility.

(2) A new certification fee.

(3) Either a new application or a letter amending the existing application to reflect the new gross tonnage which is to be indicated on a new Master Certificate.

(e) A person to whom a Master Certificate has been issued shall submit to the Director, NPFC, every six months beginning the month after the month in which the Master Certificate is issued, a report indicating the name, previous name, type, and gross tonnage of each vessel covered by the Master Certificate during the preceding six-month reporting period and indicating which vessels, if any, are tank vessels.

(f) The certificant shall ensure that a legible copy of the Master Certificate (certified as accurate by a notary public or other person authorized to take oaths in the United States) is carried aboard each vessel covered by the Master Certificate. The certificant shall retain the original Master Certificate at a location in the United States and shall make it readily available for inspection by United States Government officials.

(g) Upon revocation or other invalidation of the Master Certificate, the certificant shall return the original Certificate within 10 days to the Director, NPFC. The certificant shall ensure that all copies of the Certificate are destroyed.

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§ 138.120 Certificates, denial or revocation.

(a) The Director, NPFC, may deny a Certificate when an applicant—

(1) Willfully or knowingly makes a false statement in connection with an application for an initial or renewal Certificate;

(2) Fails to establish acceptable evidence of financial responsibility as required by this part;

(3) Fails to pay the required application or certificate fees;

(4) Fails to comply with or respond to lawful inquiries, regulations, or orders of the Coast Guard pertaining to the activities subject to this part; or

(5) Fails to timely file required statements, data, notifications, or affidavits.

(b) The Director, NPFC, may revoke a Certificate when a certificant—

(1) Willfully or knowingly makes a false statement in connection with an application for an initial or a renewal Certificate, or in connection with any other filing required by this part;

(2) Fails to comply with or respond to lawful inquiries, regulations, or orders of the Coast Guard pertaining to the activities subject to this part; or

(3) Fails to timely file required statements, data, notifications, or affidavits.

(c) A Certificate is immediately invalid, and considered revoked, without prior notice, when the certificant—

(1) Fails to maintain acceptable evidence of financial responsibility as required by this part;

(2) Is no longer the responsible operator of the vessel in question; or

(3) Alters any Certificate or copy of a Certificate except as permitted by this part in connection with notarized certifications of copies.

(d) The Director, NPFC, advises the applicant or certificant, in writing, of the intention to deny or revoke a Certificate under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section and states the reason therefor. Written advice from the Director, NPFC, that an incomplete application will be considered withdrawn unless it is completed within a stated period, is the equivalent of a denial.

(e) If the intended revocation under paragraph (b) of this section is based

on failure to timely file the required financial statements, data, notifications, or affidavits, the revocation is effective 10 days after the date of the notice of intention to revoke, unless, before revocation, the certificant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director, NPFC, that the required documents were timely filed or have been filed.

(f) If the intended denial is based on paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(4) of this section, or the intended revocation is based on paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section, the applicant or certificant may request, in writing, an opportunity to present information for the purpose of showing that the applicant or certificant is in compliance with the part. The request must be received by the Director, NPFC, within 10 days after the date of the notification of intention to deny or revoke. A Certificate subject to revocation under this paragraph remains valid until the Director, NPFC, issues a written decision revoking the Certificate.

(g) An applicant or certificant whose Certificate has been denied under paragraph (a) of this section or revoked under paragraph (b) or (c) of this section may request the Director, NPFC, to reconsider the denial or revocation. The certificant shall file a request for reconsideration, in writing, to the Director, NPFC, within 20 days of the date of the denial or revocation. The certificant shall state the reasons for reconsideration. The Director, NPFC, issues a written decision on the request within 30 days of receipt, except that failure to issue a decision within 30 days shall be deemed an affirmance of a denial or revocation. Until the Director, NPFC, issues this decision, a revoked certificate remains invalid. A decision by the Director, NPFC, affirming a denial or revocation, is final agency action.

§ 138.130 Fees.

(a) The Director, NPFC, will not issue a Certificate until the fees set forth in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section have been paid.

(b) Fees must be paid in United States currency by check, draft, or postal money order made payable to the "U.S. Coast Guard". Cash will not be accepted.

(c) Except as provided in §138.70(c), an applicant that submits an application for the first time under this part, shall pay an initial, non-refundable application fee of \$150 for each type of application (*i.e.*, individual Certificate(s), Fleet Certificate, and Master Certificate). An applicant that submits an application for an additional (*i.e.*, supplemental) individual Certificate, or to replace, amend or renew an existing Certificate, is not required to pay a new application fee. However, if an applicant for any reason withdraws or permits the withdrawal of an application for an individual Certificate(s) and the applicant holds no valid individual Certificate(s), in order to reapply for an individual Certificate(s) covering the same or different vessels the applicant shall submit a new application form and an application fee of \$150. Similarly, an applicant shall submit a new application form and fee to obtain a new Fleet or Master Certificate following invalidation of a Fleet or Master Certificate.

(d) In addition to the application fee of \$150, an applicant shall also pay a certification fee of \$80 for each Certificate requested. An applicant shall submit the certification fee for each vessel listed in, or later added to, an application for an individual Certificate(s). An applicant shall submit the \$80 certification fee to renew or to reissue a Certificate for any reason, including, but not limited to, a vessel or operator name change or a lost certificate.

(e) A certification fee is refunded, upon receipt of a written request, if the application is denied or withdrawn before issuance of the Certificate. Overpayments of application and certification fees are refunded, on request, only if the refund is for \$50 or more. However, any overpayments not refunded will be credited, for a period of three years from the date of receipt of the monies by the Coast Guard, for the applicant's possible future use or transfer to another applicant under this part.

§ 138.140 Enforcement.

(a) Any person who fails to comply with this part with respect to evidence of financial responsibility under section 1016 of OPA 90 (33 U.S.C. 2716) is