

46 CFR part 69, subpart E. The measurement standards applied are subject to applicable international agreements to which the United States Government is a party.

(e) For a vessel of a foreign country that is not a party to the Convention, gross tonnage, as referred to in this part, is determined as follows:

(1) *For a vessel measured under laws and regulations found by the Commandant to be similar to Annex I of the Convention.* The vessel's gross tonnage under the similar laws and regulations is used for determining the 300 gross ton threshold, if applicable, the required amount of financial responsibility, and limit of liability under section 1004(a) of OPA 90 and under section 107(a) of CERCLA. The measurement standards applied are subject to applicable international agreements to which the United States Government is a party.

(2) *For a vessel not measured under laws and regulations found by the Commandant to be similar to Annex I of the Convention.* The vessel's gross tonnage under 46 CFR part 69, subpart B, or, if applicable, subpart E, is used for determining the 300 gross ton threshold, if applicable, the required amount of financial responsibility, and limit of liability under section 1004(a) of OPA 90 and under section 107(a) of CERCLA. The measurement standards applied are subject to applicable international agreements to which the United States is a party.

(f) A person who agrees to act as a guarantor or a self-insurer is bound by the vessel's gross tonnage as determined under paragraphs (c), (d), or (e) of this section, regardless of what gross tonnage is specified in an application or guaranty form illustrated in the appendices to this part. Guarantors, however, may limit their liability under a guaranty of financial responsibility to the applicable gross tonnage appearing on a vessel's International Tonnage Certificate or other official, applicable certificate of measurement and shall not incur any greater liability with respect to that guaranty, except when the guarantors knew or should have known that the applicable tonnage certificate was incorrect.

§ 138.40 Where to apply for and obtain forms.

(a) An operator shall file an application for a Certificate and a renewal of a Certificate together with fees and evidence of financial responsibility, with the Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center at the following address: U.S. Coast Guard, National Pollution Funds Center (cv), 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22203-1804, telephone (202) 493-6780, Telefax (202) 493-6781.

(b) Forms may be obtained at the address in paragraph (a) of this section, and all requests for assistance, including telephone inquiries, in completing applications should be directed to the U.S. Coast Guard at that same address.

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§ 138.50 Time to apply.

(a) A vessel operator who wishes to obtain a Certificate shall file a completed application form, evidence of financial responsibility and appropriate fees at least 21 days prior to the date the Certificate is required. The Director, NPFCC, may waive this 21-day requirement.

(b) The Director, NPFCC, generally processes applications in the order in which they are received at the National Pollution Funds Center.

§ 138.60 Applications, general instructions.

(a) The application for a Certificate (Form CG-5585) is illustrated in Appendix A of this part. An application and all supporting documents must be in English. All monetary terms must be expressed in United States dollars.

(b) An authorized official of the applicant shall sign the application. The title of the signer must be shown in the space provided on the application.

(c) The application must be accompanied by a written statement providing authority to sign, where the signer is not disclosed as an individual (sole proprietor) applicant, a partner in a partnership applicant, or a director, chief executive officer, or any other duly authorized officer of a corporate applicant.