

stripe. The Coast Guard emblem, as described in §23.10(b), is centered within the confines of the broad red diagonal stripe.

(b) The Coast Guard identifying insignia is intended primarily for the identification of Coast Guard vessels, aircraft, vehicles, and shore units. It may also be reproduced for use on Coast Guard publications, stationery, jewelry, and similar items.

(c) Any person who desires to reproduce the Coast Guard identifying insignia for non-Coast Guard use must first obtain approval from the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593.

(Sec. 6(b)(1), 80 Stat. 937; 49 U.S.C. 1655(b)(1); 49 CFR 1.46(b))

[CGFR 70-95, 35 FR 12541, Aug. 6, 1970]

§23.15 Coast Guard ensign.

The Coast Guard ensign has sixteen perpendicular stripes alternate red and white, beginning with the red at the hoist. In the upper quarter, next to the hoist, is the union, being the Coat of Arms of the United States, in dark blue on a white field, half of the length of the flag, and extending down the hoist halfway. The distinctive emblem of the Coast Guard in blue and white is placed with its center on a line with the lower edge of the union and over the center of the seventh vertical red stripe from the hoist of the flag, the emblem covering a horizontal space of three stripes.

[CGFR 57-35, 22 FR 6765, Aug. 22, 1957]

§23.20 Coast Guard commission pennant.

The Coast Guard commission pennant shall have the union part composed of thirteen blue stars in a horizontal line on a white field, one-fourth the length of the pennant; the remaining three-fourths shall consist of sixteen vertical stripes of equal width, alternate red and white, beginning with the red, and a tail piece of red about one-fifth the entire length of the pennant, ending in a swallow tail.

[CGFR 57-35, 22 FR 6765, Aug. 22, 1957, as amended by CGFR 71-75, 36 FR 13268, July 17, 1971]

§23.30 Penalty.

Section 638(b) of Title 14 U.S.C. (63 Stat. 546) reads as follows:

No vessel or aircraft without authority shall carry, hoist or display any ensign, pennant or other identifying insignia prescribed for, or intended to resemble, any ensign, pennant or other identifying insignia prescribed for Coast Guard vessels or aircraft. Each person violating this provision shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.

[CGFR 57-35, 22 FR 6765, Aug. 22, 1957]

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