

## § 401.22

the St. Lawrence Seaway are subject to the requirements set out in Schedule I.

(68 Stat. 93-96, 33 U.S.C. 981-990, as amended and secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of sec. 2 of Pub. L. 95-474, 92 Stat. 1471)

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### PRECLEARANCE AND SECURITY FOR TOLLS

#### § 401.22 Preclearance of vessels.

(a) No vessel, other than a pleasure craft 300 gross registered tonnage or less, shall transit until an application for preclearance has been made, pursuant to § 401.24, to the Manager by the vessel's representative and the application has been approved by the Corporation or the Manager pursuant to § 401.25.

(b) No vessel shall transit while its preclearance is suspended or has terminated by reason of:

(1) The expiration of the representative's guarantee of toll payment,

(2) A change of ownership or representative of the vessel, or

(3) A material alteration in the physical characteristics of the vessel, until another application for preclearance has been made and approved.

(c) A non-commercial vessel of 300 gross registered tonnage or less cannot apply for preclearance status and must transit as a pleasure craft.

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#### § 401.23 Liability insurance.

(a) It is a condition of approval of an application for preclearance that the vessel is covered by liability insurance equal to or exceeding \$100 per gross registered ton.

(b) No vessel shall transit while its liability insurance is not in full force and effect.

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#### § 401.24 Application for preclearance.

The representative of a vessel may, on a preclearance form (3 copies) obtained from the Manager, St. Lambert, Quebec, or downloaded from the St. Lawrence Seaway Web site at <http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com>, apply for preclearance, giving particulars of the ownership, liability insurance and physical characteristics of the vessel and guaranteeing payment of the fees that may be incurred by the vessel.

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#### § 401.25 Approval of preclearance.

Where the Corporation or the Manager approves an application for preclearance, it shall:

(a) Give the approval; and

(b) Assign a number to the approval.

[39 FR 10900, Mar. 22, 1974, as amended at 65 FR 52914, 52915, Aug. 31, 2000]

#### § 401.26 Security for tolls.

(a) Before transit by a vessel to which the requirement of preclearance applies, security for the payment of tolls in accordance with the "St. Lawrence Seaway Tariff of Tolls" as well as security for any other charges, shall be provided by the representative by means of:

(1) A deposit of money with the Manager;

(2) A deposit of money to the credit of the Manager with a bank in the United States or a member of the Canadian Payments Association, a corporation established by section 3 of the Canadian Payments Association Act, or a local cooperative credit society that is a member of a central cooperative credit society having membership in the Canadian Payments Association;

(3) A deposit with the Manager of negotiable bonds of the Government of the United States or the Government of Canada; or

(4) A letter of guarantee to the Manager given by an institution referred to in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(5) A letter of guarantee or bond given to the Manager by an acceptable Bonding Company. Bonding companies may be accepted if they:

(i) Appear on the list of acceptable bonding companies as issued by the Treasury Board of Canada; and

(ii) Meet financial soundness requirements as may be defined by the Manager at the time of the request.

(b) The security for the tolls of a vessel shall be sufficient to cover the tolls established in the "St. Lawrence Seaway Tariff of Tolls" for the gross registered tonnage of the vessel, cargo carried, and lockage tolls as well as security for any other charges estimated by the Manager.

(c) Where a number of vessels:

(1) For each of which preclearance has been given;

(2) Are owned or controlled by the same individual or company; and

(3) Have the same representative, the security for the tolls is not required if the individual, company, or representative has paid every toll invoice received in the preceding five years within the period set out in § 401.75(a).

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of this section, where a number of vessels, for each of which a preclearance has been given, are owned or controlled by the same individual or company and have the same representative, the security for tolls may be reduced or eliminated provided the representative has paid every toll invoice received in the preceding five years within the period set out in § 401.75(a). The representative must provide the Manager with a financial statement that meets the requirements established by the Manager.

(e) Where, in the opinion of the Manager, the security provided by the representative is insufficient to secure the tolls and charges incurred or likely to be incurred by a vessel, the Manager may suspend the preclearance of the vessel.

[65 FR 52914, Aug. 31, 2000, as amended at 71 FR 5606, Feb. 2, 2006]

#### SEAWAY NAVIGATION

#### § 401.27 Compliance with instructions.

Every vessel shall comply promptly with transit instructions given by the vessel traffic controller or any other officer.

#### § 401.28 Speed limits.

(a) The maximum speed over the bottom for a vessel of more than 12 m in overall length shall be regulated so as

not to adversely affect other vessels or shore property, and in no event shall such a vessel proceeding in any area between the place set out in Column I of an item of Schedule II to this part and a place set out in Column II of that item exceed the speed set out in Column III or Column IV of that item, whichever speed is designated by the Corporation and the Manager in a Seaway Notice from time to time as being appropriate to existing water levels.

(b) Where the Corporation or the Manager designate any speed less than the maximum speeds set out in Schedule II of this part, that speed shall be transmitted as transit instructions referred to in § 401.27.

(c) Every vessel under way shall proceed at a reasonable speed so as not to cause undue delay to other vessels.

(d) Every vessel passing a moored vessel or equipment working in a canal shall proceed at a speed that will not endanger the moored vessel, the moored equipment or the occupants of either.

(68 Stat. 93-96, 33 U.S.C. 981-990, as amended and secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of sec. 2 of Pub. L. 95-474, 92 Stat. 1471)

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#### § 401.29 Maximum draft.

(a) The loading, draft and speed of a vessel in transit shall be controlled by the master, who shall take into account the vessel's individual characteristics and its tendency to list or squat, so as to avoid striking bottom.<sup>1</sup>

(b) The draft of a vessel shall not, in any case, exceed 79.2 dm or the maximum permissible draft designated in a Seaway Notice by the Corporation and the Manager for the part of the Seaway in which a vessel is passing.

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<sup>1</sup>The main channels between the Port of Montreal and Lake Erie have a controlling depth of 8.23 m.