

## Coast Guard, DHS

## § 104.200

the VSP at the next VSP submittal (either renewal or amendment), but must be made available to the Coast Guard upon request.

[USCG–2003–14749, 68 FR 39302, July 1, 2003, as amended at 68 FR 60513, Oct. 22, 2003; USCG–2004–18057, 69 FR 34925, June 23, 2004; USCG–2006–24196, 72 FR 3579, Jan. 25, 2007]

### § 104.125 Noncompliance.

When a vessel must temporarily deviate from the requirements of this part, the vessel owner or operator must notify the cognizant COTP, and either suspend operations or request and receive permission from the COTP to continue operating.

[USCG–2003–14749, 68 FR 60513, Oct. 22, 2003]

### § 104.130 Waivers.

Any vessel owner or operator may apply for a waiver of any requirement of this part that the owner or operator considers unnecessary in light of the nature or operating conditions of the vessel. A request for a waiver must be submitted in writing with justification to the Commandant (CG-54) at 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593. The Commandant (CG-54) may require the vessel owner or operator to provide additional data for determining the validity of the requested waiver. The Commandant (CG-54) may grant, in writing, a waiver with or without conditions only if the waiver will not reduce the overall security of the vessel, its passengers, its crew, or its cargo, or facilities or ports that the vessel may visit.

[USCG–2003–14749, 68 FR 39302, July 1, 2003, as amended by USCG–2008–0179, 73 FR 35009, June 19, 2008]

### § 104.135 Equivalentents.

For any measure required by this part, the vessel owner or operator may propose an equivalent as provided in § 101.130 of this subchapter.

### § 104.140 Alternative Security Programs.

A vessel owner or operator may use an Alternative Security Program as approved under § 101.120 of this subchapter if:

(a) The Alternative Security Program is appropriate to that class of vessel;

(b) The vessel is not subject to the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974; and

(c) The Alternative Security Program is implemented in its entirety.

[USCG–2003–14749, 68 FR 39302, July 1, 2003, as amended at 68 FR 60513, Oct. 22, 2003]

### § 104.145 Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive.

Each vessel owner or operator subject to this part must comply with any instructions contained in a MARSEC Directive issued under § 101.405 of this subchapter.

### § 104.150 Right to appeal.

Any person directly affected by a decision or action taken under this part, by or on behalf of the Coast Guard, may appeal as described in § 101.420 of this subchapter.

## Subpart B—Vessel Security Requirements

### § 104.200 Owner or operator.

(a) Each vessel owner or operator must ensure that the vessel operates in compliance with the requirements of this part.

(b) For each vessel, the vessel owner or operator must:

(1) Define the security organizational structure for each vessel and provide all personnel exercising security duties or responsibilities within that structure with the support needed to fulfill security obligations;

(2) Designate, in writing, by name or title, a Company Security Officer (CSO), a Vessel Security Officer (VSO) for each vessel, and identify how those officers can be contacted at any time;

(3) Ensure personnel receive training, drills, and exercises enabling them to perform their assigned security duties;

(4) Inform vessel personnel of their responsibility to apply for and maintain a TWIC, including the deadlines and methods for such applications, and of their obligation to inform TSA of any event that would render them ineligible for a TWIC, or which would invalidate their existing TWIC;