



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## Changes to Survival Craft Equipment Requirements for US Vessels

The Coast Guard has updated type approval requirements for survival craft carried on U.S. flagged vessels. This update removes the requirement for nine pieces of survival craft equipment to have Coast Guard type approval and now requires the manufacturer self-certify that the equipment complies with a consensus standard. These nine types of equipment will no longer have Coast Guard Certificates of Approvals (COAs). This [rule](#) goes into effect on 14 December 2022.

The following table shows the nine types of equipment and their new certification and marking requirements.

Equipment	Previously Complied With	Previously Marked "USCG Approved" &	Now Complies With	Now Marked As*
Hatchet	46 CFR 160.013	160.013/xxx	46 CFR 199.175(b)(13)	No marking required
Compass	46 CFR 160.014	160.014/xxx	ISO 18813:2006 ISO 25862:2009	Meets ISO 18813 and ISO 25862
Sea Anchor	46 CFR 160.019	160.019/xxx	ISO 17339:2018	Meets ISO 17339
Signal Mirror	46 CFR 160.020	160.020/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813
Emergency Water	46 CFR 160.026	160.026/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813
First Aid Kit (LB)	46 CFR 160.041	160.041/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813
First Aid Kit (LR)	46 CFR 160.054	160.054/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813
Jackknife	46 CFR 160.043	160.043/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813
Bilge pump	46 CFR 160.044	160.044/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813
Fishing Tackle	46 CFR 160.061	160.061/xxx	ISO 18813:2006	Meets ISO 18813

\*Marking will be updated once the previous COA expires and new products are manufactured

Certificates of Approval (COAs) for these equipment types are valid until their expiry. COAs are approvals for the manufacturing of equipment and the validity dates correspond to the dates a manufacture is authorized to produce equipment in accordance with the COA. Once a manufacturer's COA expires, they must transition their previous USCG approvals marked "USCG approved" to a new label on the newly produced equipment that shows compliance with the consensus standard.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to the cognizant OCMI or the Office of Design and Engineering Standards, Commandant (CG-ENG) at [TypeApproval@uscg.mil](mailto:TypeApproval@uscg.mil).

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