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Marine Inspection Notice (MIN)
Additional Logbook and Entry Requirements

Section 607 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 amends the existing 46 U.S. Code Chapter 113 – Official Logbooks by adding a new section titled: 11304 – Additional Logbook and Entry Requirements ([46 U.S.C. Chapter 113](#)).

The new section is comprised of paragraphs (a) and (b) with the latter broken down into three specific sub-requirements. U.S. vessels subject to inspection ([46 U.S.C. § 3301](#)) must have an official logbook, which shall be kept available for review by the Secretary (i.e., Coast Guard) upon request. Entries must now include: (1) officer/seaman watch change outs, (2) hours of service for officers/seamen, and (3) documentation of accidents, illnesses, and injuries that occur during watch.

Congress did not direct specific tasking or an implementation period for these new additions to the U.S. Code. Currently, Commandant, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (CG-522) is conducting an analysis to determine if new regulations are required. In the meantime, OCMI's should immediately notify local vessel operators that are impacted, so they can take proactive measures to be in compliance. Coast Guard marine inspectors should be checking to ensure these new logbook entry requirements are being complied with at each inspection. To ensure vessel operators have adequate time to come into compliance, initial enforcement actions should focus on educating mariners vice initiating civil penalty actions.

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