



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Maritime Security Program (MSP) Select Eligibility

The U.S. Coast Guard is continuing to streamline the process for foreign-built ships to be certificated under the American Registry without compromising safety. These efforts support executive actions as well as the national policy for the U.S. Merchant Marine to carry waterborne commerce at all times and to serve as a naval auxiliary during national contingencies. To facilitate this process, the U.S. Coast Guard may now consider the following criteria for qualifying MSP vessels to be eligible for transition to MSP-Select status.

Notwithstanding the three-year evaluation period outlined in Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 01-13 (Series), MSP vessels may now be considered eligible for MSP-Select status immediately following their first Drydock Examination (DDX) or Underwater Survey in Lieu of Drydocking (UWILD)¹ subsequent to U.S. reflag, provided they meet the following factors:

1. Tankers are less than 10 years old (from delivery);
2. Other cargo vessels are less than 15-years old (from delivery);
3. The vessel has maintained the same Recognized Organization (RO) authorized to participate in the Alternate Compliance Program (ACP) from the time of U.S. reflag through the completion of the qualifying UWILD/DDX;
4. The vessel has received a positive Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections (OCMI) endorsement; and
5. The vessel is not subject to involuntary disenrollment under any of the criteria listed in section 1.12.2 of Enclosure (4) of NVIC 01-13 (series).

Vessels that do not qualify with the provisions above continue to be guided by NVIC 01-13 (series) Enclosure (4), Paragraph 1.1. All other provisions for MSP-Select eligibility remain applicable.

A [list of cognizant OCMI / COTP contacts](#) is available on the CG-CVC webpage.

¹ CVC will consider MSP-select enrollment for existing vessels that completed a drydock or UWILD within the six months prior to MSP reflag based on a favorable review of the survey record, provided the drydock or UWILD was conducted by an ACP-authorized Authorized Classification Society (ACS) and all other conditions are met. This does not apply to new construction.