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Subpart M —Navigation Lights

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§ 183.810 Navigation light certification requirements.

- (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, each navigation light must—
 - (1) Meet the technical standards of the applicable Navigation Rules;
 - (2) Be certified by a laboratory listed by the Coast Guard to the standards of ABYC A-16 (incorporated by reference, see § 183.5) or equivalent, although portable battery-powered lights need only meet the requirements of the standard applicable to them; and
 - (3) Bear a permanent and indelible label that is visible without removing or disassembling the light and that states the following:
 - (i) “USCG Approval 33 CFR 183.810.”
 - (ii) “MEETS_____.” (Insert the identification name or number of the standard under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, to which the laboratory type-tested.)
 - (iii) “TESTED BY_____.” (Insert the name or registered certification-mark of the laboratory listed by the Coast Guard that tested the fixture to the standard under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.)
 - (iv) Name of manufacturer.
 - (v) Number of model.
 - (vi) Visibility of the light in nautical miles.
 - (vii) Date on which the light was type-tested.
 - (viii) Identification and specifications of the bulb used in the compliance test.
- (b) If a light is too small to attach the required label—
 - (1) Place the information from the label in or on the package that contains the light; and
 - (2) Mark each light “USCG” followed by the certified range of visibility in nautical miles (nm), for example, “USCG 2nm”. Once installed, this mark must be visible without removing the light.