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TITLE 33--NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

CHAPTER 34--INLAND NAVIGATIONAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER I--RULES

Part C--Lights and Shapes

Sec. 2022. Visibility of lights (Rule 22)

The lights prescribed in these Rules shall have an intensity as specified in Annex I to these Rules, so as to be visible at the following minimum ranges:

(a) Vessels of 50 meters or more in length

In a vessel of 50 meters or more in length:

- a masthead light, 6 miles;
- a sidelight, 3 miles;
- a sternlight, 3 miles;
- a towing light, 3 miles;
- a white, red, green or yellow all-round light, 3 miles; and
- a special flashing light, 2 miles.

(b) Vessels of 12 meters or more but less than 50 meters in length

In a vessel of 12 meters or more in length but less than 50 meters in length:

- a masthead light, 5 miles; except that where the length of the vessel is less than 20 meters, 3 miles;
- a sidelight, 2 miles;
- a sternlight, 2 miles;
- a towing light, 2 miles;
- a white, red, green or yellow all-round light, 2 miles; and
- a special flashing light, 2 miles.

(c) Vessels of less than 12 meters in length

In a vessel of less than 12 meters in length:

- a masthead light, 2 miles;
- a sidelight, 1 mile;
- a sternlight, 2 miles;
- a towing light, 2 miles;
- a white, red, green or yellow all-round light, 2 miles; and
- a special flashing light, 2 miles.

(d) Inconspicuous, partly submerged vessels or objects being towed

In an inconspicuous, partly submerged vessel or object being towed:

- a white all-round light, 3 miles.

(Pub. L. 96-591, Sec. 2, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3424.)

Repeal of Section

Pub. L. 108-293, title III, Sec. 303(a), (c), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1042, provided that this section is repealed effective on the effective date of final regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating under section 2071 of this title.

References in Text

These Rules, referred to in text, are the Inland Navigational Rules which are classified to this subchapter. Annex I to these Rules, referred to in text, is to be established by the Secretary under section 2071 of this title.

Codification

Section was enacted as part of section 2 of Pub. L. 96-591 which enacted the Inland Navigational Rules which comprise this subchapter.