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Subj: CHANGES TO TYPE-APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SURVIVAL CRAFT  
EQUIPMENT

The Coast Guard published an NPRM on October 5, 2020 ([85 FR 62842](#)) and we appreciate the comments submitted from the industry. The Survival Craft Equipment Final Rule (87 FR 68270) was published in the [Federal Register](#) on 14 November 2022 and goes into effect on 14 December 2022. This rule removes Coast Guard type approval requirements for nine types of survival craft equipment and replaces them with the requirement that manufacturers self-certify that their equipment complies with a consensus standard.

Under self-certification, manufacturers will produce equipment in accordance with the standard(s) incorporated by reference in 46 CFR 199.175 and mark the equipment as compliant with the applicable standard(s). The equipment listed in the table below will no longer be approved by the Coast Guard, receive a Certificate of Approval, or be marked with a Coast Guard approval number.

Equipment	Former Approval Series	Now Complies With
Hatchet	160.013	46 CFR 199.175(b)(13)
Compass	160.014	ISO 18813:2006 ISO 25862:2009
Sea Anchor	160.019	ISO 17339:2018
Signal Mirror	160.020	ISO 18813:2006
Emergency Water	160.026	ISO 18813:2006 Local public health drinking standards
First Aid Kit (Lifeboat)	160.041	ISO 18813:20006 OTC drugs meet 21 CFR part 330
First Aid Kit (Liferaft)	160.054	Meet ISO 18813:20006 OTC drugs meet 21 CFR part 330
Jackknife/Can-opener	160.043	ISO 18813:20006
Bilge pump	160.044	ISO 18813:20006
Fishing Tackle	160.061	ISO 18813:20006

Current stock produced under a valid COA may be sold and ongoing production runs with the USCG approval number are valid until the expiry of the current COA.

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We will issue no new approvals for the above equipment. Existing Certificates of Approval (COAs) for these equipment types are valid until their expiry. Once a manufacturer's COA expires, they must transition their current USCG approvals, marked "USCG approved", to a new label that shows compliance with the applicable consensus standard. Manufacturers may elect to transition their labels to the new standard prior to the expiration of their current certificates.

If you have any questions regarding this rulemaking, please contact Ms. Stephanie Groleau at [typeapproval@uscg.mil](mailto:typeapproval@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

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Chief, Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division  
U.S. Coast Guard  
By direction

Distribution: Manufacturers of Coast Guard approved hatchets, compasses, sea anchors, signal mirrors, emergency water, first aid kits, jackknives, bilge pumps, and fishing tackle