

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 04-20

**To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations**

**Subject: UNITED STATES COAST GUARD – SUBCHAPTER O ENDORSEMENTS**

**Date: 28 January 2020**

Please be advised that the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety Center (MSC) requires that Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) flagged vessels entering US ports carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk:

- Hold a valid International Maritime Organization (IMO) Certificate of Fitness issued under the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code); and
- Receive an endorsed Certificate of Compliance (COC), including a Subchapter O Endorsement (SOE) issued by the USCG.

Prior to scheduling a COC exam, the vessel owners must apply for an SOE from MSC. The procedures for applying for the SOE are available on the USCG website at the following link, where an SOE checklist is provided: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/lgcncoe/carrier/sub-o/>.

The submission should be made electronically to the email address or, if via hard copy, in triplicate to the MSC's address found on the above website. To facilitate plan review and project management, all plans and information specified in these guidelines should be submitted as one complete package through a single point of contact for the project.

Owners and Agents should be aware that MSC's policy is a 30-day working time to respond to requests for the plan review required to issue an SOE.

Once notified that the plan review is complete, the Owner or Agent should contact the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) at the vessel's first US port of call in advance of the scheduled arrival to confirm the COC examination. This COC exam is generally performed at anchorage and requires one day to complete. The OCMI will issue the SOE upon successful completion of the COC exam.

Please see [USCG MSC Bulletin 01-15](#) which outlines the requirements for submitting drawings and supporting calculations to the MSC.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.