SUBJECT: OSHA/U.S. Coast Guard Authority Over Vessels

A. Purpose.

This directive transmits to field personnel current policy, information and guidance with respect to OSHA/U.S. Coast Guard authority over inspected vessels, commercial uninspected vessels in accordance with Section 4 (b)(1) of the OSH Act, 29 U.S.C. § 653(b)(1).

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

B. Scope.

This directive applies to all VOSH personnel.

C. Reference.

OSHA Instruction CPL 2-1.20 (November 8, 1996)

D. Cancellation.

Not Applicable.

E. Action.

The Deputy Commissioner, Directors and Managers shall assure that the guidelines and procedures set forth in this directive are followed to determine VOSH’s authority with respect to the enforcement of occupational safety and health violations on vessels.
F. **Effective Date.**

November 15, 1998

*John Mills Barr*
Commissioner

e-Attachment: OSHA Instruction CPL 2-1.20 (November 8, 1996)


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When the guidelines, as set forth in this Program Directive, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

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