



US Department  
of Transportation  
**Maritime  
Administration**

## MANUAL OF ORDERS

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SUBJECT

MANUAL OF PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING  
THE ESSENTIALITY OF U.S. FOREIGN TRADE ROUTES  
AND REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. FLAG SERVICE

#### Section 1. Purpose:

This order authorizes the establishment and maintenance of a "Manual of Procedures and Criteria for Determining the Essentiality of U.S. Foreign Trade Routes and Requirements of U.S. Flag Service," in accordance with Maritime Administrative Order 200-1. This manual and any amendments thereto are a part of this order and shall have the full force and effect thereof.

#### Section 2. Contents and Issuances of the Manual:

2.01 The "Manual of Procedures and Criteria for Determining the Essentiality of U.S. Foreign Trade Routes and Requirements of U.S. Flag Service" sets forth the sources and nature of basic data required and the procedures and criteria to be applied in:

- 1 determining which trade routes are to be designated as essential to the foreign commerce of the United States, and
- 2 establishing service requirements on designated essential routes.

2.02 Manual issuances shall be initiated by the Director, Office of Trade Analysis and Insurance and submitted for the approval of the Maritime Administrator in accordance with the procedures set forth in Maritime Administrative Order 240-1.

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