

**§ 127.120**

**§ 127.120 Procedure for submittal of plans.**

If a vessel is to be constructed, altered, or repaired, the plans, information, and calculations required by this part must be submitted to—

- (a) The OCMI in the zone where the vessel is to be constructed, altered, or repaired; or
- (b) The Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Center, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Subpart B—Particular Construction and Arrangements**

**§ 127.210 Structural standards.**

- (a) Except as provided by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, compliance with the construction and structural rules established by the American Bureau of Shipping and incorporated by reference in §125.180 is acceptable for the design and construction of an OSV.
- (b) The current standards of other recognized classification societies, or any other established current standard, may also be used upon approval by the Commandant (G-MSE).
- (c) If no established current standard for design is used, detailed design calculations must be submitted with the plans required by §127.110 of this part.
- (d) The plans required by §127.110 of this part should specify their standard for design.

**§ 127.220 General fire protection.**

- (a) Each vessel must be designed and constructed to minimize fire hazards, as far as reasonable and practicable.
- (b) Exhausts of internal-combustion engines, galley uptakes, and similar sources of ignition must be kept clear of and insulated from woodwork and other combustible matter.
- (c) Paint lockers and similar compartments must be constructed of steel or be wholly lined with steel.
- (d) Except as provided by paragraph (e) of this section, when a compartment containing the emergency source of electric power, or vital components of that source, adjoins a space containing either the ship's service generators or machinery necessary for the operation of the ship's service generators, each common bulkhead and deck

must be of "A-60" Class construction as defined by §72.05-10 of this chapter.

- (e) The "A-60" Class construction required by paragraph (d) of this section is unnecessary if the emergency source of electric power is in a ventilated battery locker that—
  - (1) Is located above the main deck;
  - (2) Is located in the open; and
  - (3) Has no boundaries contiguous with other decks or bulkheads.

**§ 127.230 Subdivision and stability.**

Each vessel must meet the applicable requirements in subchapter S of this chapter.

**§ 127.240 Means of escape.**

- (a) Except as provided by paragraphs (l) and (m) of this section, there must be at least two means of escape, exclusive of windows and portholes, from each of the following spaces:
  - (1) Each space accessible to offshore workers.
  - (2) Crew accommodations and each space where the crew may normally be employed.
- (b) At least one of the two means of escape must—
  - (1) Be independent of watertight doors in bulkheads required by part 174 of this chapter to be watertight; and
  - (2) Lead as directly to the open deck as practicable.
- (c) The two means of escape required by paragraph (a) of this section must be widely separated and, if possible, at opposite ends or sides of the space, to minimize the possibility that one incident will block both escapes.
- (d) Except as provided by paragraph (e) of this section, a vertical ladder ending at a deck scuttle may not be either of the means of escape required by paragraph (a) of this section.
- (e) A vertical ladder ending at a deck scuttle may be the second means of escape if the—
  - (1) Primary means of escape is a stairway or passageway;
  - (2) Installation of another stairway or passageway is impracticable;
  - (3) Scuttle is located where stowed deck cargo could not interfere;
  - (4) Scuttle is fitted with a quick-acting release, and with a hold-back device to hold it open; and