

■ 3. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by adding, in numerical order, the following entry for USS RONALD REAGAN:

TABLE FIVE

Vessel	No.	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward masthead light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a)	After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward masthead light. annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained.
USS RONALD REAGAN	CVN 76	.....	X	.....	.....

Dated: January 30, 2003.
D.G. Yacono,
Lieutenant Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy,
Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate, General
(Admiralty and Maritime Law).
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has determined that USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander S. A. Kenney, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, 1322 Patterson Ave. SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provision of 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I paragraph 3(a) pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light in the forward quarter of the vessel, and the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements. This amendment further provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), has amended that certification to reflect that

certain masthead lights on USS BENFOLD (DDG 65), previously certified as not in compliance with 72 COLREGS, now comply with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements, to wit: the arc of visibility of the forward masthead light is no longer obstructed, as required by Rule 21(a).

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR part 706 is amended as follows:

PART 706—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 706 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

§ 706.2 [Amended]

■ 2. Table Four, Paragraph 16 of § 706.2 is amended by removing the entry for USS BENFOLD.

■ 3. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by revising the following entry for USS BENFOLD:

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TABLE FIVE

Vessel	No.	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward mast-head light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a)	After mast-head light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward masthead light. annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained
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USS BENFOLD	DDG 65	X	X	X	21.0
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Dated: July 25, 2003.
S.A. Kenney,
Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law).
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), acting pursuant to authority delegated from the Secretary of the Navy: has determined that USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with certain provisions of

the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special functions as a naval aircraft carrier. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander S. A. Kenney, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Department of the Navy, Office of the Judge Advocate General, 1322 Patterson Avenue, Suite 3000, SE., Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 706. The Secretary of the Navy previously certified that USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with 72 COLREGS. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has amended that certification to reflect that certain anchor lights on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), previously certified as not in compliance with 72 COLREGS, now comply with the

applicable 72 COLREGS requirements, to wit: the forward and aft anchor lights are now located on the centerline of the ship, the required height above the hull, as required by Rules 21(e), 30(a)(i), and 30 (a)(ii).

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine safety, Navigation (Water), and Vessels.

■ Accordingly, 32 CFR part 706 is amended as follows:

PART 706—[Amended]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 706 continues to read:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1605.

§ 706.2 [Amended]

■ 2. Table Two of § 706.2 is amended by revising the entry for USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71):

TABLE TWO

Vessel	Hull No.	Masthead lights, distance to stbd of keel in meters; Rule 21(a)	Forward anchor light, distance below flight dk in meters; § 2(K), Annex I	Forward anchor light, number of; Rule 30(a)(i)	AFT anchor light, distance below flight dk in meters; Rule 21(e), Rule 30(a)(ii)	AFT anchor light, number of; Rule 30(a)(ii)	Side lights, distance below flight dk in meters; § 2(g) Annex I	Side lights, distance forward of forward masthead light in meters; § 3(b), Annex I	Side lights, distance in-board of ship's sides in meters; § 3(b), Annex I
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT.	CVN 71	30.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.51	.....	.....

Dated: July 25, 2003.
S.A. Kenney,
CDR, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law).
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 706

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972; Amendment

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is amending its certifications and exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), to reflect that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has determined that USS CARNEY (DDG 64) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with certain provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this rule is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Scott A Kenney, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Admiralty and Maritime Law), Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, 1322 Patterson Ave. SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS CARNEY (DDG 64) is a vessel of the Navy which, due