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Inflatable Recreational Personal Flotation Devices Final Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard announced publication today in the Federal Register of a final rule amending regulations for inflatable recreational personal flotation devices (PFDs).

The Coast Guard is updating its regulations for inflatable PFDs (commonly referred to as lifejackets). This rulemaking will update current Coast Guard structural and performance-based standards for inflatable recreational PFDs by aligning these standards with current voluntary industry consensus standards. Additionally, this rulemaking will slightly modify regulatory text in preparation for a possible future rulemaking addressing the population for which inflatable recreational PFDs are approved, but the rulemaking does not change the current population at this time.

The Coast Guard previously published a direct final rule on this topic, but we withdrew that rule because we received adverse comment. Instead, we issued a notice of proposed rulemaking and sought additional public comment.

The rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2011-0076.

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