



# MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FACT SHEET Reflagging Ships to U.S. Flag and the Vessel Transfer Program



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Since MSP implementation in 1996, 64 modern commercial liner vessels have utilized the expedited process.



**Strategic Objective:** National Security: Assure that sufficient sealift capability and intermodal transportation infrastructure exists to support vital homeland and national security interests.

### Vessels Reflagged Utilizing the U.S. Coast Guard's MSP Reflagging Procedure

Forty-two ships currently in MSP utilized the expedited reflagging process.

The Maritime Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard have established expedited MSP vessel reflagging procedures to encourage reflagging of modern, efficient vessels into the U.S. fleet. In FY 2002, MARAD and the U.S. Coast Guard agreed to expand the process to include tankers that the U.S. Transportation Command had determined to be militarily useful. The MAERSK RHODE ISLAND was the first product tanker to receive an MSP eligibility determination and subsequent reflagging to the U.S. registry.



Eight other U.S.-flag vessels received expedited approvals based on the Maritime Administration's determination that the vessels are eligible for MSP.

Fourteen other vessels that had received expedited Coast Guard approvals to reflag to the U.S. registry are no longer under the U.S. flag.

## Vessels Reflagged Utilizing the U.S. Coast Guard's MSP Reflagging Procedure

### Currently Receiving MSP Payments

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. APL KOREA           | 22. SEA-LAND INTREPID    |
| 2. APL PHILIPPINES     | 23. OCEAN ATLAS          |
| 3. APL SINGAPORE       | 24. OCEAN TITAN          |
| 4. APL THAILAND        | 25. PHILADELPHIA EXPRESS |
| 5. GREEN COVE          | 26. HONOR                |
| 6. GREEN POINT         | 27. INTEGRITY            |
| 7. GREEN LAKE          | 28. COURAGE              |
| 8. FREEDOM             | 29. ALLIANCE NEW YORK    |
| 9. MAERSK CAROLINA     | 30. OVERSEAS MAREMAR     |
| 10. MAERSK GEORGIA     | 31. OVERSEAS LUXMAR      |
| 11. MAERSK MISSOURI    | 32. GREEN RIDGE          |
| 12. MAERSK VIRGINIA    | 33. ST. LOUIS EXPRESS    |
| 13. GREEN DALE         | 34. WASHINGTON EXPRESS   |
| 14. APL CHINA          | 35. YORKTOWN EXPRESS     |
| 15. RESOLVE            | 36. CHARLESTON EXPRESS   |
| 16. MAERSK ALABAMA     | 37. MAERSK MONTANA       |
| 17. MAERSK ARKANSAS    | 38. MAERSK OHIO          |
| 18. SEA-LAND CHARGER   | 39. MAERSK IOWA          |
| 19. SEA-LAND LIGHTNING | 40. GREEN BAY            |
| 20. SEA-LAND METEOR    | 41. ALLIANCE NORFOLK     |
| 21. SEA-LAND COMET     | 42. ALLIANCE ST. LOUIS   |

### MSP Eligible but not Receiving MSP Payments

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. MAERSK RHODE ISLAND | 5. APL AGATE   |
| 2. APL BALBOA          | 6. APL PEARL   |
| 3. MAERSK MICHIGAN     | 7. APL CYPRINE |
| 4. OCEAN CHARGER       | 8. APL JAPAN   |

### Reflagged to U.S. Registry but now Foreign-flag Vessel

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. APL TOPAZ      | 8. LIVORNO EXPRESS    |
| 2. TASINGE MAERSK | 9. MAERSK VERMONT     |
| 3. TROENSE MAERSK | 10. MAERSK MARYLAND   |
| 4. THOMAS MAERSK  | 11. MAERSK MAINE      |
| 5. TINGLEV MAERSK | 12. PRIDE OF ALOHA    |
| 6. APL RUBY       | 13. PRIDE OF HAWAII   |
| 7. APL ZIRCON     | 14. OVERSEAS AMBERBAR |

## Vessel Transfer Program

Under 46 U.S.C. § 56101 and 56103, U.S. documented vessels 1,000 gross tons and over requires approval of the Maritime Administration to be transferred to foreign ownership, flag and/or registry. Vessels 3,000 gross tons and over are subject to additional terms and conditions of 46 CFR Part 221. The Maritime Administration requires a formal application with supporting documentation including an original Coast Guard issued certificate of ownership and application fee for processing.

### The Maritime Administration's Approved Foreign Transfers—FY 2009

1,000 gross tons and over:

51 vessels transferred to foreign ownership and/or foreign registry

