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USCG Amends Its Stability Criteria for Passenger Vessels

(CLEVELAND, Ohio) – The US Coast Guard has finalized the amendments to its stability regulations including changes to the assumed average weight per person (AAWPP). The average American weighs significantly more than when these regulations were first authored and as a consequence the AAWPP has been increased, in the extreme case, from 140 lbs to 185 lbs. This update will affect all passenger vessels under the US Coast Guard's jurisdiction and will take effect March 14, 2011.

The US Coast Guard are presenting several options to comply with the new AAWPP including passenger reduction, weight compensation, direct verification, submitting revised stability calculations, or conducting new stability proof tests (this option is only available on smaller vessels). They have also created a website addressing many of the frequently asked questions regarding the new regulations. It can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5212/docs/secg12142010.pdf>.

To find out more about these regulations and how Netsco can help you navigate the process, please [contact us](#).