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Ref: (a) National Cargo Bureau, Inc. Guide to Certification of Tests and Examination of Cargo Gear on all Vessels Including Public Vessels

(b) American Bureau of Shipping Requirements for the Certification of the Construction and Survey of Cargo Gear on Merchant Vessels (Effective edition)

1. Purpose. This Instruction provides for the certification of cargo gear on MSTs ships by the National Cargo Bureau, Inc. or by the American Bureau of Shipping.

2. Cancellation. This Instruction supersedes COMSTS INSTRUCTION 9170.1C.

3. Action.

a. MSTSLANT and MSTSPAC ships

(1) For each ship in service (USNS) at the time it becomes necessary to accomplish an annual or a quadrennial inspection, the cargo gear shall be inspected by the National Cargo Bureau, Inc. in accordance with the procedures outlined in reference (a). A register issued upon completion of a satisfactory survey for each ship shall be maintained through the medium of annual and quadrennial inspections in accordance with the standards of the National Cargo Bureau, Inc.

(2) Attention is invited to the requirement of the National Cargo Bureau, Inc. that loose gear, such as chains, rings, hooks, shackles, swivels, pulley blocks, wire rope, etc., must either be proof tested or be accompanied with a manufacturer's certificate showing that such proof testing has been conducted. Additionally, the National Cargo Bureau, Inc. has agreed to accept without certificates, all loose gear of the above type requisitioned from Navy sources. Care must be taken, however, to insure that loose gear and wire rope purchased from commercial sources are accompanied with appropriate certificates indicating test in accordance with National Cargo Bureau, Inc. standards.

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(3) The National Cargo Bureau, Inc. has appointed surveyors at all principal seaports in the United States. The names and addresses of these surveyors and sample forms of its cargo gear register and test certificates may be obtained from the headquarters of the National Cargo Bureau, Inc., 99 John Street, New York, New York 10038.

b. Ships assigned to areas where National Cargo Bureau, Inc. surveyors are not available

For each MSTS ship in service (USNS) at the time it becomes necessary to accomplish an annual or a quadrennial inspection, the cargo gear shall be inspected by an American Bureau of Shipping Surveyor in accordance with the procedures outlined in reference (b). A register issued upon completion of a satisfactory survey for each ship shall be maintained through the medium of annual and quadrennial inspections in accordance with the standards of the American Bureau of Shipping.

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