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MEMORANDUM

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Reply to: CG-CVC-3
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To: CG District and Area CFVS Coordinators

Subj: REQUIRED RE-EXAMINATION OF A COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL UPON
SALE OF THE VESSEL TO ANOTHER PARTY

1. A question was recently posed to me if a vessel's examination and safety decal remained valid if the vessel was sold to a new party. They do not.
2. When a vessel is examined and a safety decal is issued, the activity and document are based on the vessel's documentation/registration and ownership or individual in charge of the vessel at that time. Thus, when a vessel is sold, its identifying paperwork, required licenses, equipment registrations, and other such documents must be changed to the new owner and operator. These changes will void the existing examination record and safety decal identification. Therefore, anytime the Coast Guard is made, or becomes, aware of a change in ownership of a commercial fishing vessel, that vessel must be re-examined to ensure compliance with current requirements and regulations.
3. It is requested that you pass along this information to all your examiners.
4. Your contacts in the commercial fishing industry should also be made aware of this information when the opportunity arises.
5. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this determination.

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