



MEMORANDUM

To: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Date: February 19, 2021

From: Glen Klinkhart, Interim Director

RE: Proof of Marine Vessel Safety

Statutory & Regulatory Authority:

AS 04.11.180(a) Common carrier dispensary license “A common carrier dispensary license authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption aboard a vehicle, boat, or train licensed by a state or federal agency for passenger travel, or aboard aircraft operated by an airline licensed by a state or federal agency for passenger travel.”

3 AAC 304.155 Issuance of license “Upon approval of an application for a new license or the renewal or transfer of an existing license, receipt by the board of necessary public health and public safety approvals and completion of any inspection considered necessary by the director, the director will issue an appropriate license.”

Background:

On March 2, 2015, former director Cynthia Franklin issued a directive to AMCO staff that stated, “Effective this date, all applicants for new, renewal and transfer common carrier licenses for vessels shall provide a current United States Coast Guard Certification of Inspection (COI) document to accompany the application. In accordance with 3 AAC 304.155 this inspection is considered necessary by the director.”

In 2018, AMCO staff was made aware that there were different types of inspection documents for different types of vessels. AMCO management and staff began researching the various inspection requirements by working with the United States Coast Guard. The results of that research mirror the information in Tab 1. From that point on, AMCO management instructed staff to begin requesting current copies of the vessel’s Certificate of Inspection (COI), Certification of Documentation (COD), Certification of Compliance (COC) or proof of enrollment in the voluntary 5-Star Program.

Staff Recommendation:

That the ABC Board instruct AMCO staff to continue to require current copies of the vessel’s COI, COD, COC or proof of enrollment in the voluntary 5-Star Program and to add UPV (Uninspected Passenger Vessel) Coast Guard Inspection to the list of acceptable inspection documents to satisfy 3 AAC 304.155.