U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. COAST GUARD
CG-729

REPORT OF CREW SHORTAGES

PLACE	DATE
NAME OF VESSEL	OWNER OR OPERATOR

This report is filed in compliance with Section 4463 of the Revised Statutes and there are listed hereon the shortages occurring during the period for which the full crew was signed on.

SHORTAGE	PARTICULARS
NAME - RANK OR RATING - "Z" OR LICENSE NUMBER	DATE, PORT, AND CAUSE OF SHORTAGE

I certify that no replacements of the same grade or of a higher rating were obtainable and in my judgement my vessel was sufficiently manned.

MASTER'S SIGNATURE

NOTICE

Two (2) copies of this form must be submitted.

Section 4463 of the Revised Statutes outlines the conditions under which a vessel may be navigated in situations where the vessel is deprived of the service of any number of her crew during the period for which the full crew has been signed on. In such cases, if the vacancies are filled with replacements of the same grade or a higher rating, the vessel may of course continue to be navigated just as though no vacancies had occurred. She may be navigated without all positions occupied by such replacements only if (1) such services were lost through desertion or casualty; (2) such services were lost without the consent, fault or collusion of the master, owner, or any other person interested in the vessel; (3) the master was unable to obtain replacements of the same grade or of a higher rating to fill the vacant positions; and (4) it is the judgement of the master that the vessel is sufficiently manned.

For purposes of administration of R. S. 4463, the terms "desertion or casualty" are construed by the Coast Guard to include all circumstances beyond the control of the master, owner, or any other person interested in the vessel which result in crew vacancies occurring during the period for which the full crew is signed on.

In cases where a vessel which has been deprived of the services of crew members through desertion or casualty is navigated with fewer crew members on board than the complement for the vessel calls for, or with replacements of lower grade or rating, R. S. 4463 requires that the master report such shortage and explain the cause thereof in writing to the Coast Guard Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection within 12 hours of the arrival of the vessel at her destination.

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