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## U.S. Coast Guard Announces Publication of the Final Rule for Vessel Traffic Services Updates

The U.S. Coast Guard announced today publication of a Final Rule to revise and update the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) regulations in 33 CFR part 161.

This rule changes the current voluntary operations in VTS Port Arthur to a mandatory-participation VTS. The rule will also consolidate and expand a VTS Special Area in Puget Sound, Washington; add designated frequencies for the Maritime Mobile Service Identifiers (MMSI) for Louisville and Los Angeles/Long Beach; and update the definitions and references in Sailing Plan requirements.

The Final Rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2011-1024.

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