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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: REQUIREMENT OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER BRACKETS ON
UNMANNED TANK BARGES

Ref: (a) NVIC 13-86 Use of Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Listed Fire Extinguishers

1. This memo responds to recent discussions as to whether or not unmanned tank barges must be outfitted with brackets for portable fire extinguishers brought onboard prior to cargo operations. Marine Inspectors' attention is drawn to ref (a), paragraph 5.d, , which states:

“Except for dock and warehouse extinguishers temporarily brought on board a vessel while loading or unloading cargo [emphasis added], all portable extinguishers must be restrained in mounting brackets of marine or motor vehicle types.”

2. For this application, approved mounting brackets for portable fire extinguishers are not required. However, in the absence of an approved bracket, vessel operators should ensure that the extinguishers are safely stowed to prevent damage to the cylinder, cylinder head or exposure to heat.

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