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FCC has issued a Notice of Inquiry concerning the inspection of small passenger vessels. The Commission is seeking comments that will allow us to streamline ship inspection procedures, remove unnecessary rules, improve service to the maritime community and preserve maritime safety.

Currently, the Communications Act of 1934 requires the Commission to inspect the radio installation of small passenger vessels once every five years. The Commission has recommended that the Communications Act be amended to permit the use of non-government organizations to conduct inspections on behalf of the FCC.

We are requesting comments on the following questions, regarding the use of the private sector to inspect small passenger vessels.

1. Should we only permit the use of a classification society (such as the American Bureau of Shipping) to conduct inspections? No
2. What criteria, if any, should we use to authorize a private sector entity to inspect ships on behalf of the Commission? license private Dealer/installers to make the inspection part limit the amount they can charge
3. Should the Commission be involved in an oversight role in the inspection process? yes
4. Should we conduct random inspections? yes
5. To what extent, if any, will privatization effect safety? Probably make the law more effective.

Submit your comments by July 18, 1995 to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. Reference CI Docket 95-55. If you have any questions, contact Annette Platt at (808) 677-3318.

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IN RESPONSE TO YOUR NOTICE OF INQUIRY:

IF FCC DOES NOT PERFORM INSPECTIONS, ONLY A CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY SHOULD MAKE THE INSPECTIONS.

YOURS,
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