

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

APPLICATION FOR WAIVER ORDER UNDER NAVIGATION AND VESSEL
INSPECTION CIRCULAR NO. 37

1. Name and nationality of vessel USAT "IMPERIAL" (United States)
2. Name of operator War Department Transportation Corps
3. Scheduled time of departure of vessel Imminent. Immediate action by Local Coast Guard Officer requested.
4. Mission of vessel Military in character.
5. Requirements of law or regulations on which waiver is requested _____

To permit the above-named freight vessel to carry not exceeding 1726 persons, consisting of 138 merchant crew and 1590 Army passengers. This vessel will carry life boats, life rafts and life floats of sufficient combined capacity to accommodate all persons on board. W/o compliance with Title 46, Chapter I, Sub-Chapter "C", Part 150, Sect. 153.3a in that vessel is equipped with one only motor propelled life boat. Without certified civilian radio operators aboard, but with Army radio operators.

6. Period of time for which waiver is requested Until expiration of the current Certificate of Inspection or until vessel ceases carrying passengers during present emergency, whichever first occurs.
7. Extent to which requested waiver will affect the safety of the vessel and the persons on board Not ascertainable.

8. Reasons why waiver is necessary It is necessary in the conduct of the war that this vessel sail at the hour and date stated in the orders issued to the master and that said vessel have aboard passengers in the number indicated in paragraph 5 above. It is impracticable to reconstruct and/or equip this vessel so that she can obtain a Certificate authorizing the carriage of passengers in the number indicated above. Unless the waiver authorized in proper cases by Secretary of the Navy's Order dated 1 October 1942, be effectuated by the findings prescribed in said Order and in U.S.C.G. Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular No. 37, dated 6 July 1943, the vessel cannot sail at the time prescribed.

I hereby certify that in my opinion waiver of compliance with the requirements of law specified above is necessary in the conduct of war.

19 December 1945

Date
San Francisco Port of Embarkation
Port Mason, California

Place

John R. Reilly
Signature of applicant
JOHN R. REILLY, Colonel, TC
Superintendent, Water Division

Title or position

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This is to certify that pursuant to the application on the reverse side hereof a waiver of the requirements of the navigation and vessel inspection laws administered by the Coast Guard has been made effective to the vessel named below to the extent, for JAN 4 period 2 and under the conditions hereinafter set forth.

1. Name and nationality of vessel USAT "IMPERIAL" U.S.

2. Requirements of law or regulation waived (give U.S.C. citation of law and concise statement of provision waived) The navigation and vessel

inspection laws and the rules and regulations thereunder which are applicable exclusively to passenger-carrying vessels or vessels carrying passengers, and R.S. 4482, 46 USC 481 and 46 CFR 59.6(e), concerning boats and rafts required on freight vessels, waived so as to permit the above-named freight vessel to carry not exceeding 1726 persons consisting of 136 merchant crew and 1590 Army passengers.

3. Period of time covered by waiver (for example, 10 days, a particular voyage, etc.) Until expiration of current Certificate of Inspection or until vessel ceases carrying passengers during present emergency, whichever occurs first.

4. Conditions (if any) to which waiver is subject This vessel shall have on board the required number of life preservers and in addition shall carry a sufficient number of fully equipped lifeboats, life rafts and life floats of sufficient combined capacity to accommodate all persons on board. Lifesaving Equipment Actually on Board:

No.	Unit	Capacity
2	Lifeboats @ 41	82
2	" 51	102
2	" 50	100
1	Motorboat 31	31
3	Provision rafts @ 20	60
2	Doughnut floats @ 20	40
91	" " 25	2275
TOTAL:		2690

5. Time within which written application is to be filed with the undersigned in cases where oral application was made _____

John P. Timbitts
Signature of Coast Guard officer

JOHN P. TIMBITTS, Captain, USCGR
Marine Inspection Officer

Address

220 Appraisers Building

San Francisco, California
(Place)

20 December, 1945

(Date)