

1 the Ship America Associate Administrator, shall report to
2 the appropriate congressional committees (as defined in
3 section 4 of the SHIPS for America Act of 2024) and
4 the Maritime Security Board on—

5 “(1) the opportunities and challenges faced by
6 commercial entities to move cargo on oceangoing
7 vessels of the United States; and

8 “(2) recommendations to increase international
9 commerce moving on vessels of the United States.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The table of sec-
11 tions for chapter 553 of title 46, United States Code, is
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER IV—SHIP AMERICA OFFICE

“55341. Establishment of Ship America Office.”.

13 **Subtitle C—Regulatory Reform**

14 **SEC. 431. ALTERNATE STANDARDS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 46, United
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating sections 3317 and 3318 as
18 sections 3318 and 3319, respectively; and

19 (2) by inserting after section 3316 the fol-
20 lowing:

21 **“§ 3317. Alternate standards**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
23 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary, in con-
24 sultation with the Maritime Administrator, shall establish

1 alternate standards to allow self-propelled vessels pro-
2 viding oceangoing transportation that are not documented
3 under chapter 121 of this title to receive a certificate of
4 inspection if the vessel will become a documented vessel.

5 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Under the program estab-
6 lished under subsection (a), a self-propelled vessel used to
7 provide oceangoing transportation that is not documented
8 under chapter 121 of this title shall be eligible for a certifi-
9 cate of inspection if the Secretary determines that—

10 “(1) the owner of the vessel has agreed to apply
11 to have the vessel documented under chapter 121
12 upon receiving the certificate;

13 “(2) at the time of the receipt of such certifi-
14 cate, the vessel is eligible for documentation under
15 such chapter;

16 “(3) the vessel is classed by and designed in ac-
17 cordance with the rules of a classification society ac-
18 cepted by the Secretary;

19 “(4) the vessel complies with applicable inter-
20 national agreements and associated guidelines, as
21 determined by the country in which the vessel was
22 documented immediately before becoming docu-
23 mented under chapter 121;

24 “(5) the vessel has been assessed for cybersecu-
25 rity and surveillance risks; and