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On March 24, 2003 Federal OSHA published and updated Compliance Directive CPL 2-1.39 Enforcement of Cargo Gear Regulations and the Requirements for Gear Certification in the Maritime Program. Significant Changes as outlined in the CPL include:

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This instruction continues policy implemented by CPL 2-1.3B: Enforcement of Cargo Gear Regulations and the Requirements for Gear Certification in the Maritime Program, June 14, 1982. This instruction's significant changes from the previous instruction include:

- References to the longshoring and marine terminals standards which became final July 25, 1997, and the June 30, 2000 amendments to these standards were revised and updated.
- Changes in the instruction format necessitated by ADM 8-0.3 OSHA Directives System.
- Additional information and guidance were included regarding OSHA enforcement on foreign flag vessels.
- Additional information and guidance were included regarding the documentation requirements for maritime cargo gear.
- Internet links for information pertinent to maritime cargo gear including OSHA standards, OSHA directives, and useful industry web sites including the International Labor Organization (ILO).

Employers should note the new CPL. It contains numerous links to background information on Cargo Gear. Inspection requirements.

[Click here for an electronic copy of the CPL](#), other copies may be obtained from PMA Area TAPD offices.