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| HAWAII SHIPPERS’ COUNCILNONCONTIGOUS DOMESTIC SEABOURNE TRADES OF THE UNITED STATESNONCONTIGUOUS JURISDICTIONS\1 AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS\2 OF THE UNITED STATESPOLITICAL AND MARITIME CABOTAGE\3 STATUSJanuary 29, 2013 |
| NAME OF JURISDICTION / INSULAR POSSESSION | POLITICAL STATUS | MARITIME CABOTAGE STATUS |
| General | Particulars |
| Alaska, State of | State (fully incorporated\4) | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| American Samoa, Territory of | Unincorporated\5 Unorganized\6 Territory | Fully Exempt | Foreign Flag |
| Baker Island (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Guam, Territory of  | Unincorporated Organized Territory | Limited Exemption | U.S.-Flag, Foreign-Built |
| Hawaii, State of | State (fully incorporated) | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Howland Island (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Jarvis Island (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Johnson Island (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Kingman Reef (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Limited Exemption | U.S.-Flag, Foreign Built |
| Midway Island (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Limited Exemption | U.S.-Flag, Foreign Built |
| Navassa Island (Caribbean Sea) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession |  |  |
| Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of | Unincorporated Organized Territory | Fully Exempt | Foreign-Fag |
| Palmyra Island (Pacific Ocean) | Incorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Puerto Rico, Commonwealth of | Unincorporated Organized Territory | Fully Encompassed | U.S.-Flag, U.S.-Built |
| Virgin Islands of the U.S., Territory of  | Unincorporated Organized Territory | Fully Exempt | Foreign-Flag |
| Wake Island (Pacific Ocean) | Unincorporated Uninhabited Insular Possession | Limited Exemption | U.S.-Flag, Foreign-Built |

1/ Noncontiguous jurisdictions are those seven (7) political divisions of the United States – including five (5) unincorporated territories and two (2) incorporated states – that are inhabited with functioning local governments and are not one of the forty eight (48) contiguous states of the Union nor one of the nine (9) uninhabited island territories.

2/ Insular Possessions are those nine (9) uninhabited island territories – eight (8) in the Pacific Ocean and one (1) in the Caribbean Sea – that have no local population and no local government. Also known as the U.S. Minor Outlying Islands for statistical designation.

3/ Cabotage is trade or navigation in coastal waters, or, the exclusive right of a country to operate the air traffic within its territory.

4/ Incorporation within the U.S. political system denotes full application of the U.S. Constitution to local government and inhabitants.

5/ Unincorporated territory is a legal term of art in United States law denoting an area controlled by the government of the United States, but to which the U.S. Constitution doesn’t fully apply.

6/ Unorganized territory is a legal term denoting that the U.S. Congress has not enacted an organic act applying to the territory.

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