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All D11NR Vessel Examiners:

Eagle eye Vessel Examiner Paul Custance FC 7-3, has discovered NON APPROVED lifejackets from China here in D11NR! While details are limited, these Blue Dolphin branded lifejackets apparently were purchased by a rental agency on EBAY (see link below). If you look at the attached photos and the link, they appear exactly like approved lifejackets. I've run both the photos and the link by the National V-Dept and the Coast Guard RBS Dept., and even though they come with a whistle, crotch strap, and state they are impact rated to 50 mph, as well as stating 20 lbs of floatation they are NOT approved.

When performing VSC's, please inspect **ALL** lifejackets closely and if you encounter any that are not approved, please be very diplomatic and politely explain why they are not approved and in addition, it might be a good idea to have an approved lifejacket to show the label and any differences.

Working together we can make D11NR recreational boating safer!

Thank you,
Mike Lauro DSO-VE

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/Adult-Lifejacket-Swimming-Water-Kayak-Boating-Ski-Vest-Whistle-S-M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL-/172666728940?var=&hash=item2833bd31ec:m:mcUOITUDoRKqdrhkX3nQoAw>

