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## **MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB) 03-08**

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### **LETTER OF CONCERN FOR SAFE TRAVEL**

As the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspections (OCMI) Coast Guard Activities Far East (FEACT), I am responsible for the safety and security of all U.S. Coast Guard Marine Inspectors traveling within the Asia-Pacific region. I have received reports regarding the safety of ground transportation while traveling within some of my areas of responsibility. Coast Guard Marine Inspectors have been met by non-English speaking drivers who operate their vehicles recklessly and well above posted safe speeds. Unsafe driving coupled with communication challenges place my inspectors in potentially unsafe situations.

I have determined that in order to mitigate the risks for my Marine Inspectors while traveling to remote ship yard facilities, the following safety precautions must be met:

1. Marine Inspectors shall only travel by vehicle during daylight hours. If the vehicle can not reach its intended destination prior to nightfall, alternative lodging must be arranged.
2. The party requesting the Coast Guard's attendance must provide an English speaker who is familiar with the area being traveled to accompany the Marine Inspector to and from the airport. This shall be the driver or an additional passenger if necessary.
3. For security reasons, the destination must be determined prior to the Marine Inspector's departure (hotel, vessel, or facility). The inspector must know where he is being taken. If this can not be determined, the inspector will not depart with the arranged transportation.

My goal is to complete any Coast Guard service to the Maritime Industry as expeditiously as possible, but in a safe manner. If you have any questions, please contact me or LCDR Bill Sieben, Chief of Prevention Department at the above telephone number or email.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Eyler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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