



## **Port Security Information Bulletin PSIB 14-03**



### **Clarification of Maritime Security Measure for Facilities**

PSIB 12-03 implemented Maritime Security Condition (MARSEC) 2 within the Houston-Galveston Captain of the Port (COTP) zone. Waterfront facilities and vessel owners and operators were required to review and implement the interim MARSEC 2 measures that were previously distributed by the COTP and endorsed by the Port Security Subcommittee. These measures are still expected to be in place and are intended to facilitate continued port operations with the appropriate degree of security, consistent with the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) ORANGE Threat Level.

Bulk Liquid/Gas Terminals and Facilities Handling Bulk or Packaged HAZMAT across the COTP zone have requested clarification specifically on the MARSEC 2 measure for "Persons/baggage boarding". The question asks if the inspections required by this measure extend to entering vehicles. Yes, these inspections should include vehicles so that the integrity of the inspection process is maintained. For example, when inspecting a pallet in a delivery truck, it is prudent to inspect the entire truck. This will increase the likelihood of finding any malicious means to contaminate the pallet after it has been searched. This expanded approach to inspections is reinforced in the Facility Security NVIC (NVIC 11-02), Measure 2.3.2.2, that states: "Search/inspect all vehicles, persons, bags, deliveries, articles, or packages entering facility."

For specific inquiries regarding the interim measures or to report suspicious activities, contact MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0 or MSU Galveston at (409) 766-5400.

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