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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: COAST GUARD ARMED DURING HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS

Consistent with changes in the Homeland Security Advisory System level, the Coast Guard is increasing its patrol activities. All Coast Guard personnel from Marine Safety Office Memphis, Tennessee, will bear side arms while conducting the Maritime Homeland Security Mission aboard armed Coast Guard vessels.

During boat and vehicle patrols, the maritime industry can expect Coast Guard personnel to be in uniform, to have valid IDs and to bear arms. I encourage you to call the Command Duty Officer (CDO) at (901) 544-3912, Ext. 2124 to validate the Coast Guard personnel.

While our staff is out conducting these missions, you can expect them to perform security spot checks, validate procedures, and ask questions about any current suspicious activity that may have taken place in the previous few hours.

I would like to remind all facilities that under 33 CFR 6, 127 & 154, the Captain of the Port may enter a facility "at any time, to make any examination" and to take such action as is necessary to safeguard the port. To date, most facilities have been working with the federal, state and local authorities to maximize safety and security. This effort is very much appreciated.

Questions or reports of suspicious activities may be reported to Marine Safety Office Memphis via the CDO at the above number or the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this bulletin or any other Port Security matter

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