



## MEMORANDUM

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From: T. D. HOOPER, CAPT  
CGD Eight (dp)

To: L. D. STROH, CAPT  
Sector New Orleans

Subj: PORT STATE CONTROL ISPS PRIORITY I OFFSHORE EXAMS EXEMPTION  
REQUEST FOR CERTAIN VESSELS ARRIVING FROM CUBA

Ref: (a) Your memo 3500 dated 17 April 2008 requesting relaxation of ISPS I offshore  
boarding requirements.

1. This is in response to reference (a) requesting to conduct Port State Control ISPS Priority I exams for vessels arriving from Cuba at a lower anchorage on the Mississippi River vice at-sea.
2. After a detailed review of NVIC 06-03, Change 2 and consultation with CG-543, you may at your discretion and without additional approval from Eighth Coast Guard District, downgrade at-sea examinations and conduct Port State Control ISPS Priority I examinations for vessels arriving from Cuba at a lower anchorage on the Mississippi River. This approval is contingent on the your determination, after applying the guidance contained in latest versions of NVIC 06-03, PSC Targeting Message, and other applicable guidance, that a given vessel does not pose an undue risk or unacceptable threat to the port, maritime safety or the marine environment. If an ISPS Priority I vessel requires risk mitigation measures, then the vessel should remain at-sea or divert to an offshore anchorage until you or your representative can ensure that the needed measures have been put in place prior to port entry.
3. A record of all downgrades should be maintained for at least three years and available for review upon request.
4. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to CDR Jeffrey Johnson at 504-671-2150.

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