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Conditions of Entry (COE) on vessels arriving from Venezuelan Ports

The Coast Guard has determined that Venezuela is not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures in its ports. Action required in paragraphs C and D of Port Security Advisory 1-09 take effect for vessels that arrived in a Venezuelan port on or after January 23, 2009 and subsequently call a U.S. port. The Venezuelan port must be one of the vessel's last 5 ports of call. These conditions of entry are necessary because the Coast Guard is unable to verify that effective anti-terrorism measures are in place for Venezuelan ports.

The Captain of the Port will screen vessels arriving from Venezuela and, depending on the risk the vessel poses to the port, will impose appropriate security measures. It is the goal of MSU Port Arthur to conduct any boardings as soon as practical to minimize vessel delays. For industry planning purposes, MSU Port Arthur conducts offshore boardings during daylight hours only, 7 days a week.

The Federal Register (Vol. 74, No. 11) notice dated Friday, January 16th, 2009 and Port Security Advisory 1-09 are the primary guidance that the public should follow for compliance with these requirements.

To facilitate entry into the COTP Port Arthur zone and minimize delays, advanced notification and provisions of documentation to the COTP on what measures the vessel took while in Venezuelan are key. This may include, but are not limited to: copies of security company contracts or payment receipts, log book entries, declarations of security or crew overtime logs. The notification and documentation should be faxed to: (409) 723-6534 or may be scanned in and e-mailed to: d08-dg-umpsa-cdo@msoportarthur.uscg.mil.

This notice will be posted on the HOMEPOR website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.

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