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Notification of MTSA Final Regulations

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has published a series of six final rules in the October 22, 2003, Federal Register (Vol. 68, No. 24) to promulgate maritime security requirements mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002. These six final rules consist of:

- Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives
- Area Maritime Security (AMS)
- Vessel Security
- Facility Security
- Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Facility Security
- Automatic Identification Systems (AIS)

These final rules will become effective on November 21, 2003, and will replace the interim rules that have been effective since July 01, 2003.

The link to the final rules, dated October 22, 2003, can be found at:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a031022c.html.

If needed, the interim rules from July 1, 2003, can be found at:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a030701c.html.

Please do not hesitate to contact ENS Sean Brady of my Port Security staff at (419) 418-6041 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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