

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Port Security Information Bulletin
PSIB 05-04

Maritime Security Condition (MARSEC) 2 Remains In Effect
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The purpose of this PSIB is to inform port stakeholders that although the Secretary of Homeland Security reduced the national threat advisory level from Orange to Yellow, MARSEC 2 remains in effect within the ports of Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport. When the MARSEC condition changes, the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator will immediately inform port stakeholders.

Facilities and vessels are reminded that they must contact MSO Houston-Galveston, (713) 671-5133, or MSU Galveston, (409) 682-1264 when MARSEC 2 condition levels have been achieved.

As indicated in PSIB 04-04, Maritime Security (MARSEC) Condition 2 Unchanged, the Coast Guard has no specific maritime threat information regarding the Houston-Galveston port areas. Should the Coast Guard receive specific threat information involving the Houston-Galveston area, it will be conveyed through the appropriate communications channels and released as soon as possible in accordance with federal security regulations.

Coast Guard commands in the Houston-Galveston area will continue to coordinate with local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as the maritime community to ensure that all port stakeholders are maintaining a heightened state of vigilance and readiness.

Since the change to Level Orange, the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator has issued the following PSIB's, which are available at the following website: <http://www.uscg.mil/msohoustrongalveston>.

PSIB 30-03	Change in Homeland Security Threat Advisory Status
PSIB 31-03	Change in Maritime Security Condition (MARSEC)
PSIB 34-03	CDC Security Zone Operating Requirements (Houston)
PSIB 35-03	CDC Synonyms
PSIB 02-04	Reporting CDCs (Texas City)
PSIB 03-04	CDC Security Zone Operating Requirements (Texas City)
PSIB 04-04	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Condition 2 Unchanged

All vessel and facility operators are advised to report all suspicious persons or activities to MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0.

The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC) via the NRC's 24-hour telephone number at 1-800-424-8802.

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