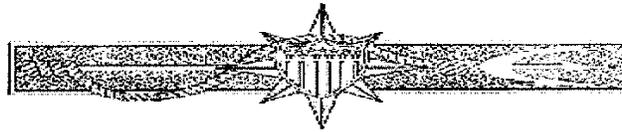




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### Recommended Security Guard Guidelines

This PSIB announces the availability of the "Recommended Guidelines & Operating Procedures For INS Required Armed Security Aboard Vessels Docked Within The Jurisdiction Of The COTP Zone".

This document was created when the HOGANSAC Port Security Subcommittee recognized the need to address the concerns of the maritime industry on the inconsistencies of armed security guard requirements and guidelines. The Subcommittee created the Security Guard Working Group to assess this concern and make recommendations. The working group included representatives from the Coast Guard, INS, and Customs Service, as well as vessel owners/operators, facility owners/operators, vessel agents, and security firms.

The Security Guard Working Group's recommendations were accepted by the Subcommittee, and subsequently endorsed by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port and the INS District Director. A copy of the recommended guidelines is posted on MSO Houston-Galveston's website <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/mso/hougal/>.

I congratulate the Security Guard Working group and the HOGANSAC Port Security Subcommittee in producing a document, which will promote consistency, safety, and security within the ports of Houston, Galveston, Texas City, and Freeport. Publication of these guidelines represents another milestone in government-industry cooperation.

  
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