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**Port Security Information Bulletin**  
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**Maritime Security Directives**  
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The purpose of this PSIB is to announce new Maritime Security Directives issued by the Coast Guard for certain U. S. vessels, facilities, and outer continental shelf facilities. These directives need to be incorporated into security plans that are due to the Coast Guard by December 31, 2003.

If you are the designated Company Security Officer (CSO) for U.S. flag vessels or a Facility Security Officer (FSO) for a [33 CFR 105](#) regulated facility or [33 CFR 106](#) regulated outer continental shelf facility, you may pick up the appropriate directives at the Marine Safety Office (MSO) in Houston or the Marine Safety Unit (MSU) in Galveston. The directives apply to:

- Vessels: Any cruise ship operating on U.S. waters; U.S. flag passenger, ferry, cargo, towing, and offshore supply vessels regulated by [33 CFR 104](#), and U.S. flag Mobile Offshore Drilling Units regulated by [33 CFR 104](#).
- Facilities: All facilities regulated by [33 CFR 105](#). This includes facilities already regulated by 33 CFR 126, 127, 128, and 154, facilities that receive any vessel subject to SOLAS or any U.S. vessel greater than 100 gross tons that engage in international voyages, and certain barge fleeting facilities.
- All outer continental shelf facilities governed by [33 CFR 106](#).

Since these Maritime Security Directives are designated Sensitive Security Information (SSI), persons who receive them are required to complete a non-disclosure agreement and provide photo identification, even those who have previously signed an SSI declaration form. CSOs and FSOs who have not previously completed an SSI declaration form will need to bring proof of their designation as a CSO or FSO (such as a designation letter on company stationery).

These new Maritime Security Directives will be available for distribution November 28 and the week of December 1-5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MSO at 9640 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, TX and at the MSU at Jadwin Building, 1st Floor 126A, 2000 Fort Point Road, Galveston, TX. No appointment is necessary. Recipients of this PSIB should ensure appropriate company personnel are made aware of its contents. For general information, contact 713-671-5133 (MSO Houston) or 409-766-5426 (MSU Galveston).

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 24-hour telephone number at 1-800-424-8802.

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