

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Port Security Information Bulletin
PSIB 34-03 CDC Security Zone Operating Requirements
December 26, 2003

The temporary security zone announced in PSIB 32-03 has been refined. This zone is established as follows:

A temporary security zone has been established for the Houston Ship Channel and all associated turning basins including that portion of the San Jacinto River from its mouth north to the Interstate 10 highway bridge, bounded by a line drawn between Houston Ship Channel Light 89A (LLNR-23347) and Houston Ship Channel Light 90A (LLNR-23350) west to the T & N Rail Road Swing Bridge at the entrance to Buffalo Bayou, including all waters adjacent to the ship channel from shoreline to shoreline and the first 1000 yards of connecting waterways with the exception of the San Jacinto River as set forth above. The security zone is effective from midnight December 25, 2003 to 6 a.m. March 1, 2004.

CDC vessels shall request permission to enter into, depart from, move within, or remain in the security zone. To avoid delays while waiting for a Coast Guard escort to arrive on scene, CDC vessels should contact VTS Houston/Galveston on VHF channel 5A, by telephone at (713) 671-5103, or by facsimile at (713) 671-5159 at least 4 hours prior to the time the CDC vessel anticipates entering into, departing from, or moving within the security zone. Additionally, as escort resources are limited during nighttime periods, it is highly recommended that CDC vessels only plan to transit into, out of, or through the security zone between 0800 and 1800 daily.

Certain dangerous cargoes include any of the following:

- (i) *Division 1.1 or 1.2 explosives* as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.
- (ii) *Division 1.5D blasting agents* for which a permit is required under 49 CFR 176.415 or, for which a permit is required as a condition of a Research and Special Programs Administration exemption.
- (iii) *Division 2.3 "poisonous gas"*, as listed in 49 CFR 172.101 that is also a "material poisonous by inhalation" as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, and that is in a quantity in excess of 1 metric ton per vessel or barge.
- (iv) *Division 5.1 oxidizing materials* for which a permit is required under 49 CFR 176.415 or, for which a permit is required as a condition of a Research and Special Programs Administration exemption.
- (v) A liquid material that has a primary or subsidiary classification of *6.1 "poisonous material"* as listed in 49 CFR 172.101 that is also a "material poisonous by inhalation", as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and that is in a bulk packaging, or that is in a quantity in excess of 20 metric tons per vessel or barge **when not in a bulk packaging** (does not apply to bulk liquids – refer to para. viii below).
- (vi) *Class 7, "highway route controlled quantity" radioactive material or "fissile material, controlled shipment"*, as defined in 49 CFR 173.403.
- (vii) *Bulk liquefied chlorine gas and Bulk liquefied gas cargo that is flammable and/or toxic* and carried under 46 CFR 154.7.
- (viii) *The following bulk liquids:*

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| (a) Acetone cyanohydrin | (f) Ethylene dibromide |
| (b) Allyl alcohol | (g) Methacrylonitrile |
| (c) Chlorosulfonic acid | (h) Oleum (fuming sulfuric acid) |
| (d) Crotonaldehyde | (i) Propylene oxide |
| (e) Ethylene chlorohydrin | |

This measure is part of a comprehensive port security regime designed to safeguard human life, vessels, and waterfront facilities against sabotage or terrorist attacks. This PSIB remains in effect until further notice. PSIBs 32-03 and 33-03 are hereby cancelled. Recipients should ensure appropriate company personnel are made aware of its contents. For general information, contact 713-671-5100.

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