



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Liberia marine security advisory regarding ports not maintaining effective Anti-terrorism measures.

- Republic of Liberia has issued a Marine Security Advisory no.01/2018 providing revised conditions of entry for vessels arriving at US ports from certain countries which do not maintain effective anti-terrorism measures. The advisory supersedes administration's previous advisory 05/2017.
- USCG has determined list of affected counties that are not maintaining effective anti terrorism measures in their ports.
- Previously all ports from Côte D'Ivoire were determined as affected ports; however USCG now found that port facilities Terminal A Conteneurs and Carena Shipyard are maintaining effective anti terrorism measures and were exempted from the actions required as stated below.
- Following actions are required to be taken by vessels that visited non exempted ports of Côte D'Ivoire or other affected countries as one of their last five ports of call and arriving in United States upon or after 03 January 2018.
 1. Implement measures per the ship's security plan equivalent to Security Level 2;
 2. Ensure that each access point to the ship is guarded and that the guards have total visibility of the exterior (both landside and waterside) of the vessel. Guards may be:
 - provided by the ship's crew, however, additional crewmembers should be placed on the ship if necessary to ensure that limits on maximum hours of work are not exceeded and/or minimum hours of rest are met, or
 - provided by outside security forces approved by the ship's master and Company Security Officer
 3. Attempt to execute a Declaration of Security;
 4. Log all security actions in the ship's security records; and
 5. Report actions taken to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port prior to arrival in the U.S.

- Vessels will be boarded or examined by Coast Guard to ensure that all actions mentioned above are complied. Failure to implement these measures may result in delay or denial of entry into United States.
- Vessels demonstrating good security compliance with necessary actions mentioned above will normally be waived from the armed security guard requirement.
- In view of above, Administration has advised all Liberian flagged vessels to implement these measures including attempting to execute declaration of security on vessels while in ports of affected countries and reminded that no vessel is to be operated at a security level lower than that of a port facility while master has the overriding authority to increase the security measures of the vessel at any time to protect the safety and security of the vessel.
- Ship owners/ operators are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. Liberia marine security advisory 01/2018.

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