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Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104-6; (Rev.2) Guidelines for U.S. Vessels Operating in High Risk Waters

The Commandant released MARSEC Directive 104-6, (Rev.2) on May 11, 2009. It is intended to provide direction to U.S. flagged vessels operating in High Risk Waters where acts of terrorism, piracy, and armed robbery against ships are prevalent. Owners and operators of U.S. vessels operating in High Risk Waters listed in this directive must acknowledge this Directive and meet the performance standards within fifteen days of the issue date of this Directive. Owners and operators should contact their local Captain of the Port (COTP) to obtain a copy of this Directive if the appropriate Company Security Officers have not already received this Directive from their respective Area/District Commander or COTP.

In addition to the guidance and requirements for U.S. vessels operating in all High Risk Waters, this directive contains an annex with specific requirements for U.S. vessels operating in the High Risk Waters off the Horn of Africa (HOA). These vessels shall accelerate the installation/certification of Long Range Identification & Tracking (LRIT) equipment. The equipment shall be installed and operational no later than July 1, 2009. My marine inspectors will verify these installations during routine vessel inspections to ensure compliance.

If you have any questions, please contact LCDR Prudencio Tubalado at +81 425-52 2511 ext 58405 or via e-mail at Prudencio.M.Tubalado@uscg.mil.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Eyler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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