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SUBJECT: Detain on Board Policy – Area Port of Jacksonville

Recently, the U.S. Coast Guard issued guidance (ALCOAST 357/12) relating to the restricting of foreign crewmembers to their vessels while in port for either administrative or security reasons. Considering this guidance and a review of Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) policy relating to this matter in surrounding jurisdictions, CBP in the Area Port of Jacksonville is revising our policy concerning the detention of crewmembers on board vessels arriving in our area.

Effective immediately, when a crewmember is detained on board a vessel for administrative reasons, such as the lack of a valid visa, CBP will not require the routine posting of security while the vessel is in port. This notice has no bearing on vessels that are currently in port and have security arrangements in place. CBP in the Area Port of Jacksonville does reserve the right to require the posting of guards when deemed appropriate to address security concerns. The circumstances requiring the posting of guards are discretionary and will therefore not be specified in this bulletin. Should CBP require the posting of guards when a crew member is detained on board for administrative reasons, vessel owners, operators and agents may request written confirmation of this requirement.

The previous guidance, dated October 3, 2005, defining and addressing the detention of high risk crew members will remain in effect.

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