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Port Security Advisory (1-11)

The U.S. Coast Guard is issuing a Port Security Advisory for Libya.

Due to the recent civil unrest in Libya, the U.S. government has concerns regarding whether the port facility requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code are still being executed and maintained. The Coast Guard is unable to determine that effective anti-terrorism measures are in place in Libyan ports. The Coast Guard therefore recommends that vessels calling on ports in Libya take the following actions:

- a. Minimize ship-port interface activities such as crew changes, bunkering and taking on stores;
- b. Take measures consistent with the ship's security plan equivalent to Security Level 2;
- c. 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;
- d. Attempt to execute a Declaration of Security;
- e. Document/record specific actions taken in the ship's security records required by Part A, Section 10 of the ISPS Code; and
- f. Report the actions taken directly to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port prior to U.S. arrival.

Implementing the above recommended security measures will generally expedite vessel entry into the U.S.

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