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Port Security Advisory

The below countries failed to communicate to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) or the U.S. Coast Guard all information regarding port facility security information as required by Regulation 13 of Chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS) or the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA).

Albania
Equatorial Guinea
Kiribati
Madagascar
Nigeria
Solomon Islands

Benin
Guinea
Lebanon
Mozambique
Serbia and Montenegro
Suriname

Dem. Rep. of Congo
Guinea-Bissau
Liberia
Nauru
Sierra Leone

Failure to submit the required information indicates noncompliance with the port facility requirements of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and leads us to believe there are inadequate anti-terrorism measures in place at port facilities in these countries.

Vessels that have visited a country listed above during their last five port calls will be subject to increased Port State Control actions upon arrival at a U.S. port.

If a vessel takes the recommended steps outlined below, the vessel's security posture will be considered and reflected in the location, scope, intensity and duration of the Port State Control measures.

- a. Set a higher security level;
- b. Execute a Declaration of Security;
- c. Log all security actions in the ship's log; and
- d. Report the actions taken directly to the cognizant U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port prior to arrival.

If the above countries fail to comply with the ISPS Code or MTSA by 9 November 2004, a new Port Security Advisory will be issued. This Advisory will warn vessels arriving in U.S. ports from non-compliant countries of the additional Port State Control measures that will be imposed.