

## 10-03; Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY INITIATIVES**  
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### INFORMATION

FEDERAL REGISTER RULE Vol. 68, No. 126 July 1, 2003

Pp. 39240-39284 -Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives

Pp. 39292-39315 -Vessel Security

Pg. 39315-39338 - Facility Security

Pg. 39353-39368 - Automatic Identification System; Vessel Carriage

The Coast Guard has published a series of six interim rules in today's **Federal Register** to promulgate maritime security requirements mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002. The six interim rules consist of: **Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives; Area Maritime Security; Vessel Security; Facility Security; Outer Continental Shelf Facility Security; and Automatic Identification System.** In addition to the Automatic Identification System interim rule, we have issued a separate request for comments for further expanding the implementation of the Automatic Identification System. The series of interim rules addresses security assessments and plans, as well as other security standards, measures, and provisions that, with the exception of Automatic Identification System, will be codified in the new subchapter H of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

This interim rule, the Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives, establishes the general regulations for subchapter H. It does so by providing a comprehensive discussion of industry-related maritime security requirements and a summary of the cost and benefit assessments of the entire suite of interim rules. The alignment of domestic maritime security requirements with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code and recent amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea is also addressed here.

The discussions provided within each of the other five interim rules are limited to the specific requirements they contain.

This interim rule is effective from July 1, 2003 until November 25, 2003. On July 1, 2003, the Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule.

### ACTION

**Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 31, 2003.** Comments on collection of information sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must reach OMB on or before July 31, 2003

Please submit your comments by the following means:

(1) e-mail: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) Mail comments to: U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) Fax: 202-493-2251.

(4) Delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

You must also mail comments on collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer, U.S. Coast Guard.

*Meeting.* A public meeting will be held on July 23, 2003 in Washington, DC at the Grand Hyatt Washington, DC, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.