

Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Policy Letter Released for Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act Implementation Procedures

Today the U.S. Coast Guard announced the release of a policy letter to provide guidance to USCG inspectors for compliance verification of Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act of 2010 (CVSSA) requirements by cruise vessels during the course of scheduled safety and security inspections. The policy addresses vessel examination procedures relating to rail heights and peep holes, security latches and time-sensitive keys, crew access to passenger staterooms, safety information, U.S. embassy/consulate location information, log books for recording crimes and incidents occurring on the cruise vessel, response capabilities for sexual assault, and patient access to information and confidentiality of sexual assault information.

The Policy Letter will be available on the Coast Guard Homeport website, under "CG-543 Policy Letter 11-09" [http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentTypeId=2&channelId=-17679&contentId=334949]

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