

qualified men and women of all racial and ethnic groups to apply. The Coast Guard values diversity; all the different characteristics and attributes of persons that enhance the mission of the Coast Guard.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, send your cover letter and resume to Kevin Y. Pekarek, ADFO of NOSAC at Commandant (CG-5222)/NOSAC, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., STOP 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126. Send your cover letter and resume in time for it to be received by the ADFO on or before March 30, 2012.

To visit our online docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the docket number for this notice (USCG-2011-1098) in the Search box, and click "Go." Please do not post your resume on this site.

Dated: January 20, 2012.

**J. G. Lantz,**  
Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2009-0384]

#### Maritime Security Directive 104-6 (Rev 6); Guidelines for U.S. Vessels Operating in High Risk Waters

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces the release of Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104-6 (Rev 6). This Directive only applies to U.S.-flagged vessels subject to the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) on international voyages through or in designated high risk waters, and provides additional counter-piracy guidance and mandatory measures for these vessels operating in these areas where acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are prevalent. MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 6) also includes an annex that provides specific direction for vessels operating around the Horn of Africa. Although MARSEC Directives are designated Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and are not subject to public release, a non-SSI version of this directive is available.

**DATES:** MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 6) has been available since December 30, 2011. MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 5) is no longer valid after that date.

**ADDRESSES:** The latest MARSEC Directives are available at your local Captain of the Port (COTP) office. Phone numbers and addresses for your local COTP office can be found in the Port Directory at <http://homeport.uscg.mil>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, call LCDR James T. Fogle, Office of Vessel Activities, Coast Guard, telephone (202) 372-1038, email

[James.T.Fogle@uscg.mil](mailto:James.T.Fogle@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing material in the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background and Purpose

Somali pirates operate along a 2,300 mile coast and in 2.5 million square miles of ocean. The international community has engaged with local officials in a focused domestic and international anti-piracy effort to address the enforcement difficulties caused by the affected area's size and political complexity. Despite these efforts, piracy persists and the combination of piracy and weak rule of law in the region provides a potential breeding ground for additional transnational threats. Accordingly, the United States uses existing statutory authority to develop security standards designed to protect U.S.-flagged vessels and continues to work with international partners to prevent piracy.

On February 10, 2006, the Coast Guard announced the release of MARSEC Directive 104-6 (71 FR 7054) for those owners and operators of vessels subject to 33 CFR parts 101 and 104. MARSEC Directive 104-6 provides direction to U.S.-flagged vessels operating in high risk areas where acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are prevalent.

MARSEC Directive 104-6 has been revised five times. MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 1) provided an updated list of high risk waters based on a biennial review of global piracy and terrorism threats.

MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 2) provided additional counter-piracy guidance to U.S.-flagged vessels operating in high risk waters where acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships are prevalent. It also provided a listing of additional high risk waters, updated from the previous version of the Directive.

MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 3) encouraged the use of industry best management practices that have proven to be successful in thwarting pirate attacks and incorporates lessons-learned since the issuance of Revision 2.

MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 4) provided clarification for U.S.-flagged vessels berthed or anchored in high risk waters. Vessels at anchor should operate in a manner consistent with vessels that transit through high risk waters. Whether at anchor or underway, the vessels are subjected to the same type of threats from attacking pirates. Vessels berthed in high risk waters should implement enhanced security measures as required by the MARSEC Directive.

MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 5) addressed the expanding operating area of Somali pirates and provides U.S.-flagged vessels additional guidance for operations in the Indian Ocean.

MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 6), the Directive that is the subject of this notice of availability, provides a revised and updated list of designated high risk waters and areas. MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 5) is no longer valid with the issuance of (Rev 6).

We developed piracy-related Port Security Advisories (PSAs) to provide further guidance and direction to U.S.-flagged vessels operating in high risk waters to help facilitate compliance with MARSEC Directive 104-6 (series). The PSAs can be found at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/piracy>, including a non-SSI version of this MARSEC Directive in PSA (2-09) (Rev 3).

#### Procedural

COTPs and District Commanders can access all MARSEC directives on Homeport by logging in and going to Missions > Maritime Security > Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) > Policy. Owners and operators of U.S.-flagged vessels that travel on international voyages must contact their local COTP, cognizant District Commander or the Office of Vessel Activities to acquire a copy of MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 6). COTPs or cognizant District Commanders may provide this MARSEC Directive to appropriate vessel owners and operators via mail or fax in accordance with SSI handling procedures.

Pursuant to 33 CFR 101.405, we consulted with the Department of State, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Transportation/Maritime Administration, Office of Naval Intelligence, Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, Military Sealift Command, Global Maritime Situational Awareness, Overseas Security Advisory Council, United States Agency for International Development, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Central Command, and

U.S. Transportation Command prior to issuing these Directives.

All MARSEC Directives issued pursuant to 33 CFR 101.405 are marked as SSI in accordance with 49 CFR Part 1520. COTPs and District Commanders will require individuals requesting a MARSEC Directive to prove that they meet the standards for a "covered person" under 49 CFR 1520.7, have a "need to know" the information, as defined in 49 CFR 1520.11, and that they will safeguard the SSI in MARSEC Directive 104-6 (Rev 6) as required in 49 CFR 1520.9.

Dated: January 20, 2012.

**Paul F. Thomas, USCG,**

*Acting Director, Prevention Policy*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: USCIS Case Status Online; Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: USCIS Case Status Online.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 30, 2012.

During this 60-day period, USCIS will be evaluating whether to revise the USCIS Case Status Online. Should USCIS decide to revise the USCIS Case Status Online we will advise the public when we publish the 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The public will then have 30 days to comment on any revisions to the USCIS Case Status Online.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the DHS, USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2020.

Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to (202) 272-0997 or via email at [uscisfrcomment@dhs.gov](mailto:uscisfrcomment@dhs.gov). When submitting comments by email please add the OMB Control Number 1615-0080 in the subject box.

**Note:** The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check "My Case Status" online at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-(800) 375-5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* USCIS Case Status Online.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* No Form Number (File No. OMB-33). U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households, for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit organizations. This system allows individuals or their representatives to request case status of their pending application through USCIS' Web site.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time*

*estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 20,000,000 responses at 0.075 hours (4½ minutes) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,500,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2020, Telephone number (202) 272-8377.

Dated: January 24, 2012.

**Sunday A. Aigbe,**

*Chief, Regulatory Products Division, Office of the Executive Secretariat, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5602-N-01]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Production of Material or Provision of Testimony by HUD in Response to Demands in Legal Proceedings Among Private Litigants

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* March 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allen Villafuerte, Managing Attorney, Office of Litigation, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10258, Washington, DC 20410-