

Mandatory carriage of ECDIS will be phased in beginning in 2012. This series of presentations will inform the Council of developments and difficulties encountered in deploying ECDIS, including accuracy of charted positions, the range of vessels to be impacted, and training requirements for ECDIS.

The following tasks will also be discussed and further action contemplated by work groups assigned for each task:

(1) *NAVSAC Task 11-01 Kite Propulsion Systems (Sky Sails)*. The use of Sky Sails to augment propulsion on vessels is a real possibility. This task will address whether there should be restrictions on their use.

(2) *NAVSAC Task 11-02 Proximity of Offshore Energy Installations (OREI) to established ships' routing measures*. The Council will be asked to complete the discussion on the need for "buffer zones" around offshore renewable energy.

(3) *NAVSAC Task 11-03 RACONS*. The Council will be asked to discuss and provide an opinion on the continued use of radar beacons (RACONS) as aids to navigation.

(4) *NAVSAC Task 11-04 Sound Signals*. The Council will be asked to discuss and provide an opinion on the continued use of sound signals as aids to navigation.

(5) *NAVSAC Task 11-05 ECDIS Anomalies*. The Council will be advised of the current status of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) and of the types of anomalies being discovered as more ECDIS enter into use.

(6) *NAVSAC Task 11-06 e-Nav Strategy*. The Council will be advised of the current status of the United States' e-Navigation Strategy development.

(7) *NAVSAC Task 11-07 Virtual Aids to Navigation Aids*. Navigation authorities are considering deploying virtual aids to navigation as an alternative to physical lights, daybeacons and buoys under certain circumstances. This topic will inform the Council on virtual aids and discuss their possible use in United States' waters.

(8) *NAVSAC Task 11-08 Crew Fatigue*. The Council will discuss the unintended consequences some regulations are causing regarding crew endurance and crew fatigue.

A public presentation/comment period will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Speakers' presentations/comments are limited to 10 minutes each.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

(1) Task Working Group Discussions continue from November 1, 2011.

(2) Working Group Reports presented to council.

(3) New Business:
a. IMO Safety Navigation Subcommittee.

The Coast Guard will update the Council on recent decisions and planned outputs of the IMO Safety Navigation Subcommittee.

b. Summary of NAVSAC Action Items.

c. Schedule Next Meeting Date—Spring 2012.

d. Committee discussion of new tasks.

(4) A public presentation/comment period will be held after the discussion of new tasks. Speakers' presentations/comments are limited to 10 minutes each.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2011-0731]

Notification of the Removal of Conditions of Entry on Vessels Arriving From the Republic of Congo

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that it is removing the conditions of entry on vessels arriving from the country of the Republic of Congo.

DATES: The policy announced in this notice is effective on October 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: This notice is part of docket USCG-2011-0731 and is available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2011-0731 in the "Keyword" box, and then clicking "Search." This material is also available for inspection and copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Mr. Michael Brown, International Port Security Evaluation Division, United States Coast Guard, telephone 202-372-1081. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

Title 46, Section 70110, United States Code, enacted as part of section 102(a) of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295, Nov. 25, 2002) authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to impose conditions of entry on vessels requesting entry into the United States arriving from ports that are not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures. It also requires public notice of the ineffective anti-terrorism measures. The Secretary has delegated to the Coast Guard authority to carry out the provisions of this section. Previous notices have imposed or removed conditions of entry on vessels arriving from certain countries, and those conditions of entry and the countries they pertain to remain in effect except as modified below. All such notices are available for review online by going to <http://www.homeport.uscg.mil>, clicking on the "Maritime Security" and then "International Port Security Program" tabs, and then following the link.

On September 1, 2009 the Coast Guard published a Notice of Policy in the *Federal Register*, (74 FR 45230), announcing that it had determined that ports in the Republic of Congo were not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, and imposed conditions of entry.

Based on recent information, the Coast Guard has determined that the Republic of Congo is now maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, and is accordingly removing the conditions of entry announced in the previously published Notice of Policy. With this notice, the current list of countries not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures is as follows: Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran, Liberia, Madagascar, Sao Tome and Principe, Syria, Timor-Leste, and Venezuela.

This notice is issued under authority of 46 U.S.C. 70110(d).

Dated: October 6, 2011.

Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno, USCG,
Deputy Commandant for Operations.

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