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USCG Reveals MTS Cybersecurity Rule

Updated cybersecurity requirements for United States-flagged vessels, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities and facilities subject to the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) have been announced by the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

To become effective on 16 July, the Cybersecurity in the Marine Transportation System (MTS) rule addresses current and emerging cybersecurity threats in the MTS, stated the USCG.

“[This includes] by adding minimum cybersecurity requirements to help detect risks and respond to and recover from cybersecurity incidents,” it stated.

“These requirements include developing and maintaining a Cybersecurity Plan, designating a cybersecurity officer (CySO), and taking various measures to maintain cybersecurity within the MTS.”

Describing the regulations as “the most significant maritime cybersecurity regulations to date” for the United States maritime transport sector, the *National Law Review* is urging stakeholders to “begin preparations now”.

“Affected entities should review their existing policies, identify any gaps or deficiencies and implement compliance procedures,” it stated.

“Noncompliance with the rule could lead to penalties, legal action and financial losses.”

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