



LOSS PREVENTION UPDATE

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD – NEW CYBERSECURITY RULE

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has published its [final rule to introduce cybersecurity requirements for US-flagged vessels](#), along with port/terminal facilities and outer continental shelf facilities.

The rule takes effect from **16 July 2025** and will commence a 24-month period to achieve full compliance with the standards required in the rule.

POINTS TO NOTE:

- This applies **only to US-flagged** vessels that must comply with 33 CFR Part 104, for example cargo ships greater than 100 gross tons
- **From 16 July 2025**, it will become mandatory to submit a report to the National Response Center should a reportable cyber incident be identified
- **By 12 January 2026**, personnel must have been trained in accordance with the requirements of the rule and additional training procedures identified as necessary
- **By 16 July 2026**, a Cyber Security Officer (CySO) must be designated
- Also, **by 16 July 2026**, a cyber security assessment must be completed, with a cyber security plan submitted to the USCG for approval
- It will be necessary to conduct at least two cyber security drills annually and conduct at least one cyber security exercise per year.

This new regulation will represent a major change for US-flagged shipping, and we recommend that the new [rule](#) is fully read and understood. The USCG has also produced a helpful [factsheet](#) to assist. Please note there are concerns that the timeline is too short for the shipping industry to comply, as such the USCG is considering arguments for a longer implementation period for shipping, with the results of that consultation to be announced after 18 March 2025. We will provide a further update should there be any major changes announced.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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