Subpart E—Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plan

103.500 General.
103.505 Elements of the Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plan.
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103.520 Recordkeeping.


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Subpart A—General

§ 103.100 Applicability.

This part applies to all vessels and facilities located in, on, under, or adjacent to waters subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S.

§ 103.105 Definitions.

Except as specifically stated in this subpart, the definitions in part 101 of this subchapter apply to this part.

Subpart B—Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC) Designation and Authorities

§ 103.200 Designation of the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC).

The COTPs are the Federal Maritime Security Coordinators for their respective COTP zones described in 33 CFR part 3, including all ports and areas located therein.

§ 103.205 Authority of the COTP as the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC).

(a) Without limitation to the authority vested in the COTP by statute or regulation, and in addition to authority prescribed elsewhere in this part, the COTP as the FMSC is authorized to:

1. Establish, convene, and direct the Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee;
2. Appoint members to the AMS Committee;
3. Develop and maintain, in coordination with the AMS Committee, the AMS Plan;
4. Implement and exercise the AMS Plan; and
5. Maintain the records required by §103.520 of this part.

(b) The authorities in paragraph (a) of this section do not limit any other existing authority of the COTP.

Subpart C—Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee

§ 103.300 Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee.

(a) The AMS Committee is established under the direction of the COTP and shall assist in the development, review, and update of the AMS Plan for their area of responsibility. For the purposes of this subchapter, Port Security Committees that were established prior to July 1, 2003, according to guidance issued by the Coast Guard, may be considered AMS Committees, provided they conform to the procedures established by this part and satisfy the membership requirements of §103.305 of this part.

(b) The AMS Committee will operate under terms specified in a written charter. At a minimum, the charter must address:

1. The AMS Committee’s purpose and geographic area of responsibility;
2. Rules for membership;
3. The AMS Committee’s organizational structure and procedural rules of order;
4. Frequency of meetings, to include not less than once in a calendar year or when requested by a majority of the AMS Committee members;
5. Guidelines for public access to AMS Committee meetings and records; and
6. Rules for handling and protecting classified, sensitive security, commercially sensitive, and proprietary information.

§ 103.305 Composition of an Area Maritime Security (AMS) Committee.

(a) An AMS Committee will be composed of not less than seven members having an interest in the security of the area and who may be selected from—

1. The Federal, Territorial, or Tribal government;