



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## VOYAGES TO CUBA FROM THE UNITED STATES

This Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) provides guidance to vessel owners and operators regarding Coast Guard requirements for vessels transiting into Cuban territorial waters. Please note that this bulletin does not cover all laws and regulations governing voyages to Cuba; additional requirements may apply.

### Permit Requirements for U.S. Vessels Entering Cuban Waters

In accordance with 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 107, a vessel of the United States less than 100 meters (328 feet) in length may not get underway or depart from U.S. territorial waters bound for Cuba without a written permit from the Commander, USCG Southeast District. An Application to Enter Cuban Territorial Seas ([form CG-3300](#)) must be submitted with complete information before a permit may be granted. All completed applications should be emailed to: [D7Miami-CubanPermits@uscg.mil](mailto:D7Miami-CubanPermits@uscg.mil) or faxed to (305) 415-6809. Questions related to this permit can be directed at (305) 415-6800. Please allow a minimum of two weeks for approval and processing of the permit.

Pursuant to the Department of Commerce's regulation, "Restricting the Temporary Sojourn of Aircraft and Vessels to Cuba" published on June 5, 2019, navigating a vessel to Cuba, even temporarily, constitutes an export to Cuba. USCG Southeast District will only accept permit applications that are accompanied by an approved special license from the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). Additional information about obtaining a license can be found here: <https://www.bis.gov/licensing/country-guidance/cuba-export-controls>

In addition, your application must include a license from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) to engage in travel related transactions involving Cuba. More information about OFAC's regulations regarding Cuba sanctions can be found here: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/cuba-sanctions>

### Requirements for Vessels Returning from Cuba

Owner/operators are ultimately responsible for maintaining vessel security and ensuring that no unauthorized persons or goods are brought into the United States. Failure to do so may result in criminal or civil penalties, including vessel seizure. At a minimum, owner/operators of each vessel that enters a Cuban port are strongly encouraged to conduct a full search of the vessel before departure back to the United States.

Owner/operators are reminded they are required to report their arrival from a foreign port immediately to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Failure to comply may result in delay or denial of entry into the United States. <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers/pleasure-boat-overview>

Vessel operators are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate Coast Guard Sector to advise of their safe return in accordance with their approved Permit to Enter Cuban Territorial Seas. Contact information can be found on the Coast Guard Navigation Center's website: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/port-status>

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