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USCG Publishes Final Rule in re Seafarer Access To Marine Terminal Gates

In today's **FEDERAL REGISTER**, the United States Coast Guard has published a Final Rule that addresses the mandatory **safe**, timely and no-cost ingress/egress of certain individuals (principally seafarers) at U.S. marine terminals. [Emphasis supplied]

The **SUMMARY** section of today's notice is instructive:

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is issuing a final rule requiring each owner or operator of a maritime facility regulated by the Coast Guard to implement a system providing seafarers, pilots, and representatives of seamen's welfare and labor organizations access between vessels moored at the facility and the facility gate, in a timely manner and at no cost to the seafarer or other individuals. These access procedures must be documented in the Facility Security Plan for each facility and approved by the local Captain of the Port.

This final rule, which implements a congressional mandate, ensures that no facility owner or operator denies or makes it impractical for seafarers or other individuals to transit through the facility.

A link to today's notice is provided here: [Final Rule in re Seafarer Access](#)

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