



Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 17-014, Hurricane IRMA

Weather Advisory

Port Condition YANKEE - 24 HOUR ALERT

Time: 8:00 A.M. / Date: Friday, September 8, 2017

In accordance with the National Hurricane Center forecast issued at 0800 EDT on Thursday, September 7, 2017, Hurricane IRMA is approximately 95 miles North of Punta Cana Dominican Republic, moving West Northwest at 17 mph with maximum sustained winds of 180 mph. Due to the possibility of gale force winds (39-54 mph / 34-37 knots) entering offshore areas of South Florida within 24 hours, the **Captain of the Port (COTP) is ordering Port Condition YANKEE to be set as follows:**

- **Port of Miami, Miami River, Port Everglades, Port of Palm Beach, Port of Ft. Pierce and all other terminals and facilities within Sector Miami's area of responsibility at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017.**

Prohibited Operations: None at this time.

Current Actions:

- Affected ports are **closed** to inbound vessel traffic.
- Oceangoing commercial vessels greater than 500 gross tons must depart the ports and anchorages unless prior permission to remain has been granted by the COTP.
- Moving cargo onto the port or any vessel loading/discharging operations are **not** authorized unless specifically cleared by the COTP.
- Terminal operators must terminate all cargo operations not associated with storm preparations. Cargo operations associated with storm preparations include moving cargo within or off the port for securing purposes, crane and other port/facility equipment preparations, and similar activities are authorized.
- Appropriate container stacking protocol must be completed.
- All facilities shall continue to operate in accordance with their approved facility security plans and comply with the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA).
- **Drawbridges in the area will be entering a full lockdown by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017.**


Anticipated Future Actions: All ports in the Miami COTP Zone should be watching this storm closely and be prepared for the possible onset of Port Condition ZULU, anticipated at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017.

If storm conditions worsen, the COTP may secure all port operations and vessel movements earlier, except emergency vessel movements.

Questions regarding this MSIB or required actions should be directed to the Maritime Transportation System Recovery Unit.

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The COTP may be reached at telephone (305) 535-4472, or via Channel 16 VHF FM Marine Radio through Coast Guard Sector Miami.



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