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MEMORANDUM


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Subj: COAST GUARD ACTION ORDER: INCREASING COAST GUARD
OPERATIONAL FOCUS ON COMBATING ILLEGAL FENTANYL
THREATENING THE UNITED STATES

Ref: (a) Executive Order Clarifying the Military's Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity of the United States of 20 January 2025, Section 2
(b) Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border of the United States of 20 January 2025
(c) Executive Order Designating Cartels and Other Organizations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Specially Designated Global Terrorists of 20 January 2025
(d) Proclamation Guaranteeing the States Protection Against Invasion of 20 January 2025
(e) Executive Order Protecting the American People Against Invasion of 20 January 2025
(f) Executive Order Securing Our Borders of 20 January 2025

1. Pursuant to REFs (a) through (f), I direct the Area Commanders, U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Command, the Deputy Commandant for Operations, and the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support to immediately initiate actions to increase U.S. Coast Guard operations and focus to combat illegal fentanyl threatening the United States, including U.S. territories, in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Department of Justice (DOJ), with immediate action to:

- a. Increase operations to interdict, seize, and disrupt transshipment of cocaine and other bulk illicit drugs by sea that fuels and enables cartels and Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCO) to produce and traffic illegal fentanyl threatening the U.S.;
- b. Increase focused operations and activities in U.S. ports (including on the Great Lakes and navigable inland waterways), to interdict, seize, and disrupt illegal fentanyl production and trafficking, with focus on shipping containers and other commercial maritime cargo, leveraging broad U.S. Coast Guard authorities and relationships within each U.S. port between government agencies and maritime industry; and
- c. Increase U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement participation in Federal and interagency task forces targeting cartels, TCOs, and other criminal networks producing and trafficking illegal fentanyl and fentanyl precursors.

2. Additional orders and guidance will follow.

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