



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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Use of Software or Mechanical-Based Engine or Shaft Power Limiters

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On 13 October 2023, Sector Corpus Christi issued MSIB 138-23 "Use of Software or Mechanical-Based Engine or Shaft Power Limiters." On 10 April 2024, the Coast Guard Office of Design and Engineering Standards (CG-ENG) released Policy Letter 01-24 "GUIDANCE REGARDING DEVICES THAT ALTER MANEUVERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SHIPS TO ENSURE SAFE OPERATION IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES." This policy letter supersedes MSIB 138-23. Ship agents, owners, operators, and pilots should become familiarized with the requirements in [CG-ENG Policy Letter 01-24](#).

It is important that the ship's master, officers in charge of a navigational watch, and pilot(s) understand which (if any) type of system is installed on the vessel. Pilots and vessel operators are not restricted from exercising judgment to immediately override the system when required for safety and navigational purposes.

Failure to adhere to above may cause delays and/or additional control measures to ensure navigation safety.

Concerned parties with urgent concerns can contact the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi Command Center at 1-800-874-2143; or for non-urgent questions and concerns, email CCWaterways@uscg.mil.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. H. Bertheau".

T. H. Bertheau
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Captain of the Port