



**MARITIME SAFETY INFORMATION**  
**BULLETIN (MSIB) 14-05**

Coast Guard Sector San Francisco  
Department of Homeland Security



**Container Detention Sticker Requirements**

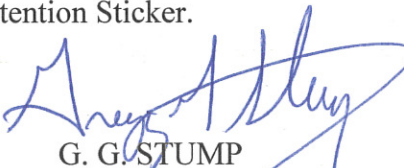
The structural serviceability of intermodal containers and adherence with proper shipping procedures for hazardous materials contained within are cause for serious safety concern. This bulletin provides a reminder to all waterfront facilities of the process for containers placed on a Captain of the Port (COTP) Detention Order. If a container is determined to be structurally deficient or deficiencies per Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations are found with cargo offered for transportation, the container will be taken out of service by the U.S. Coast Guard. This is documented first by affixing two COTP Detention Stickers to the container, one on the front end wall and the other on the rear door. This MSIB hereby replaces and abrogates Sector San Francisco MSIB 08-03.

Once the COTP Detention Stickers have been affixed to the container, the facility will be issued a CG-5577 form with detailed instructions and required actions. At this point the container shall not be shipped, moved or reloaded except as instructed, in writing, by a COTP representative. After the deficiencies have been corrected and prior to the container being released from detention, proof of the corrections shall be communicated to the Sector San Francisco's Container Inspection Section via fax at (510) 437-6690, phone at (510) 437-6669, or email at [D11-DG-SectorSF-Containers@uscg.mil](mailto:D11-DG-SectorSF-Containers@uscg.mil). Upon acceptance of all corrections by a COTP representative, the custodian will receive a Detention Order Release Form and authorization to remove the COTP Detention Stickers.

**The shipping, moving, or reloading of any container or cargo placed on a COTP Detention Order without the proper written approval from a COTP representative may subject violators to civil penalties up to \$40,000 per violation, per day or criminal penalties, class C or class D felonies, in accordance with 46 U.S.C 1505, 33 U.S.C. 1232(a) or 33 U.S.C. 1232(b).**

For further information regarding this bulletin, please contact the Sector San Francisco Container Inspection Section at (510) 437-6669.

**Enclosure 1:** Example of a COTP Detention Sticker.

  
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Captain of the Port

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**BY ORDER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD  
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (COTP)**

**ZONE**

**PHONE(       )**

**DO NOT SHIP, MOVE, OR  
RELOAD THIS CONTAINER**

**EXCEPT AS INSTRUCTED BY A  
USCG COTP REPRESENTATIVE.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTAINER #**

**LOCATED AT**

**THIS DETENTION ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER 49 CFR 453.1 & 33 CFR 160.109**

**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS DETENTION ORDER:**

- 46 App. U.S.C. 1505 –A civil penalty of not more than \$8,000 per container per day,
- 33 U.S.C. 1232 (a) –A civil penalty of up to \$ 40,000 per violation, per day, or
- 33 U.S.C. 1232 (b) - A criminal penalty, class C or class D felony