



Client Alert 21-2020

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CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

ANNUAL VESSEL REPORT ONLINE SUBMISSION

A. BACKGROUND

The California State Lands Commission (SLC) requires that all vessels submit a Marine Invasive Species Program (MISP) Annual Vessel Reporting Form. Submission is required at least 24 hours in advance of the first arrival in each calendar year at a California port.

B. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

We noted in our Fall 2020 NEWSLINE that the California State Lands Commission was looking to move to an online system for submission of the Annual Vessel Report. On the day we published our NEWSLINE, SLC's new regulations were formally adopted and are to take effect January 1, 2021.

C. REQUIRED ACTION

Beginning on January 1, 2021, California's Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Report can only be submitted online, via SLC's web portal found at <https://misp.io/>. Email submissions are no longer permissible. The process to submit the Annual Vessel Report includes:

1. Registering on the website
2. Adding the vessel to your account
3. Creating an Annual Vessel Report
4. Answering the 17 questions
5. Submitting the report

The instructions for submission of the report can be found at <https://misp.io/help/Help.pdf>.

We recommend that vessels submit their Annual Vessel Report to SLC once they are en route to a California port for the first time in a calendar year, to ensure the report is submitted in a timely fashion.

D. ECM'S ANNUAL VESSEL REPORT SERVICE

Unfortunately, this process will prove difficult for some vessels, especially those with limited internet connectivity. ECM provides a service for the submission of MISP Annual Vessel Reports on behalf of our clients. If requested, we will send you our proprietary Form 15. Once we receive the completed form, ECM will check the data for errors and/or omissions, enter the data onto SLC's web portal, submit the report and provide proof the report has been submitted as required.

If you wish for ECM to submit an MISP Annual Vessel Report on your vessels' behalf or have questions about this service and fee, please contact us at ecm@ecmmaritime.com.

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