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SUBJECT: California Marine Invasive Species Program (MISP) – Online Reporting Portal

Effective January 1, 2021, The California State Lands Commission (SLC) implemented a web based MISP Reporting Portal for the online submittal of the California Annual Marine Invasive Species Report. Up to now, the Annual Vessel Reporting Form (AVRF) was completed on a .PDF form and emailed to the State. With this new MISP Portal, all vessels trading to California can only have their AVRF processed online. These forms can be processed on the Portal by anyone affiliated with the vessel (e.g., crew, owner/operator, management, port agent, or operator representatives) so there should be options for each vessel to comply with this new requirement. If any of these options are not possible, the vessel can petition the State for an alternative and request to submit a PDF via email instead.

The MISP website and Reporting Portal: <https://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/>

The new online report must be processed at least 24 hours prior to the vessel's arrival. The owner/operator can submit the Annual Report for all their vessels at one time should they desire, as long as it is at least 24 hours prior to each vessel's first arrival of the calendar year. For example, the AVRF can be submitted in January for each fleet vessel and the vessels would be compliant for the year.

If the vessel is boarded on arrival by a California SLC inspector, and there is no documentation of the vessel having completed the AVRF, the inspector will write a violation. Presently, the SLC is not pursuing penalties or enforcement on this requirement during 2021.

The California SLC published on YouTube a webinar that identifies the process for completing the AVRF on the MISP Reporting Portal. This can be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uznnshM7s&t=4s>.

Should you encounter any issues with the MISP Portal, you can contact our office at csi@compliancesystemsinc.com and we will gladly assist you. This Client Advisory, along with previously issued CSI Advisories, can be retrieved from our website, www.compliancesystemsinc.com.