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SUBJECT: California – Reporting Requirements Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS) not operating properly

Background: On October 15, 2021, the California State Lands Commission (CA SLC) notified stakeholders that the California ballast water regulations were amended to adopt the U.S. Federal Ballast Water Discharge Standards for vessels discharging ballast at California ports effective January 1, 2022.

CSI Client Advisory #10-21 dated 08 November 2021 provided clients with an overview of basic California requirements and areas where there have been challenges.

In addition to the contents of CSI Client Advisory #10-21, there is another requirement contained in these regulations that requires notification to the California SLC when a ballast water treatment system has stopped operating properly during a voyage to

California. California Reporting Requirement for a BWTS that has stopped operating properly:

California Public Resources Code section 71205.3(b) states that:

Quote: (b) (1) If a ballast water treatment system has stopped operating properly during a voyage, the master, owner, operator, or person in charge of the vessel shall report the problem to the commission as soon as practicable.

(2) The commission shall consult with the United States Coast Guard to attempt to identify an alternative, environmentally sound method of ballast water management under the circumstances described in paragraph (1) in accordance with Section 151.2040(b) of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(3) The master, owner, operator, or person in charge of the vessel subject to paragraph (1) shall employ the alternative, environmentally sound method of ballast water management identified by the commission in consultation with the United States Coast Guard before discharging ballast water in California waters. Unquote

Reporting Address: Reports for BWTS that have stopped operating correctly should be sent to cslc.mepdmisp@slc.ca.gov

(The above reporting requirement is in addition to the report/s required to be submitted to the USCG Captain of the Port as required by 33 CFR 151.2040 (b).)

Additional Information: Clients should review the CA SLC information sheet at:

https://slcprdwordpressstorage.blob.core.windows.net/wordpressdata/2021/07/MISP-Performance_Std.pdf. This Client Advisory, along with previously issued CSI Client

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