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CSI Notice to Clients 12-2017

SUBJECT: Changes in Reporting Requirements for Vessels Calling California Ports & Implementation of Biofouling Regulations

On August 15, 2017, the California State Lands Commission issued an advisory detailing changes in the State's Biofouling Management Regulations to Minimize the Transport of Nonindigenous Species from Vessels Arriving at California Ports.

Effective October 1, 2017, vessels calling California ports will no longer be required to submit California Hull Husbandry Forms, California Ballast Water Treatment Supplemental Reporting Forms, or the California Ballast Water Treatment Annual Reporting Form, as detailed in our Notice to Clients 01-2017. U.S. Ballast Water Reporting Form requirements remain unchanged.

The previous California reporting forms will be replaced with the California Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form. For calendar year 2017, this form must be submitted by vessels upon making their first call to California on or after October 2017. Vessels that have called California in 2017 prior to October 1, 2017, but not after are not required to submit the form. An MS Word version of the new report form is attached to this Advisory. California is finalizing a PDF version, and both versions will be available on the California State Lands Commission website once it is finalized.

The letter also addresses requirements regarding development and maintenance of Biofouling Management Plans and Biofouling Management Record Books that will become applicable after a vessel's first scheduled out-of-water drydock after January 1, 2018, or upon delivery on or after January 1, 2018.

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Attached:

California State Lands Commission Letter W877.291

California Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form (MS Word)