



## Guidance from Our US Correspondent – Lamorte Burns

### California Ports

Effective 01 January 2021, the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) announced that the relevant regulations are amended to require an annual submission of their *Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form* (AVRF) through the web-based platform MISP at least 24 hours prior to a vessel's first arrival at any California port during each calendar year. The form can be submitted by anyone directly affiliated with the vessel.

CSLC has produced several explanatory webinars and presentations, which may be accessed through:

- <https://www.slc.ca.gov/marine-invasive-species-program/2021-information-reporting-updates-on-the-marine-invasive-species-program/>
- <https://www.slc.ca.gov/marine-invasive-species-program/reports-presentations-funded-research/>
- or [www.slc.ca.gov/misp/](http://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/)

Additionally, the CSLC used the above announcement to remind all vessel owners/operators that the *Ballast Water Management Report* also must be submitted 24 hours prior to arrival at any port in the State of California. Should the vessel's voyage be less than 24 hours in duration, it should be submitted from that last port of call prior to arrival.

We hope this information is helpful, and we shall be glad to provide further information as may be requested.

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