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Promoting use of the Electronic Notice of Arrival (E-NOA) in U.S. Ports

Operators of vessels planning to enter a U.S. port or place of destination must notify the U.S. Coast Guard at least 96 hours in advance. The National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) has developed a web interface for Notice Of Arrival submissions, the Electronic NOA (E-NOA). The interface can be accessed via a link on the NVMC website: <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/>. Although use of the E-NOA is still optional, all maritime industry professionals (e.g., vessel agents, Masters, owners, and operators) are strongly encouraged to use this new capability.

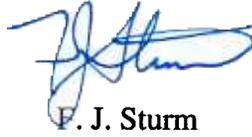
An accurate and complete E-NOA satisfies the requirements of 33 CFR 160 Subpart C.

The maritime industry may find E-NOA technical details (how to create E-NOA accounts, issues concerning connectivity, use of browsers, ect.) on the web by visiting the link on the NVMC website: <http://nvmc.uscg.gov>. The maritime industry can also find a brochure explaining the E-NOA at the following link: <http://nvmc.uscg.gov/forms/enoatrifold.pdf>.

The E-NOA represents the next phase in making the NOA submissions more efficient by allowing for direct importation of data into NVMC's database, the ship arrival notification system (SANS). Prior to the E-NOA the only methods available were phone, fax, and e-mail which required manual data entry into SANS.

The U. S. Coast Guard has also been working with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to develop a centralized federal depository for advance reports of maritime information ("one-stop shopping"). This agreement marks a milestone in the development of "one-stop shopping" for vessel arrivals and should reduce the burden on the industry to submit duplicate reports to federal agencies. When details are finalized, the E-NOA will be notified to incorporate both CPB and Coast Guard information into one form. Both agencies plan to release regulations by the end of January 2004 that detail the requirements and procedures for the common E-NOA standard.

Industry stakeholders are encouraged to submit feedback regarding the E-NOA form to the web interface directly to the NVMC via the following email address: sans@nvmc.uscg.gov. For additional information or clarification regarding this Marine Safety Bulletin, please contact Lieutenant Mike Leon Guerrero at the above number or address.



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