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***NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS  
ENTERING OR LEAVING U.S.***

DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: MSIB 09-01 dated September 28, 2001 is cancelled.

To ensure public safety and security and to maintain the uninterrupted flow of commerce, the Coast Guard has temporarily changed the advance notification requirements for vessels bound for or departing from U. S. ports. This rule lengthens the advanced notice of arrival period from 24 to 96 hours prior to port entry. These changes are necessary to ensure receipt of comprehensive and timely information on vessels entering U. S. ports. They will help provide better security information and minimize delays in collecting that information. The table provided below summarizes the changes which have taken effect immediately.

VESSEL TYPE AND VOYAGE TIME	OLD REQUIREMENT	NEW REQUIREMENT
Vessels greater than 300GT with a voyage time of 96 hours or greater.	24 hours	At least 96 hours before entering each port of destination.
Vessels greater than 300GT with a voyage time less than of 96 hours.	24 hours	Before departing but no less than 24 hours before entering each port of destination.
All vessels carrying certain dangerous cargo*, (except barges,) with a voyage time of 96 hours or greater.	24 hours	At least 96 hours before entering each port of destination.
All vessels carrying certain dangerous cargo*, (except barges,) with a voyage time of less than 96 hours.	24 hours	Before departing but no less than 24 hours before entering each port of destination.
All barges carrying certain dangerous cargo*.	4 hours	At least 12 hours before entering each port of destination.

\* Certain dangerous cargo are defined as Division 1.1, 1.2, 1.5, 4.3, 5.1, 6.1 materials, and any cargo listed in 46 CFR Part 153, Table 1 or 46 CFR Part 154, Table 4.

All vessels or vessel agents must provide the following information in addition to the requirements set forth by 33 CFR Part 160.207:

- A crew list that includes crewmembers' name, nationality, their primary position on board, and passport or mariners document number;
- Vessel cargo information record or dangerous cargo manifest for ships carrying certain dangerous cargoes;
- General description of cargo (e.g.: grain, container, oil, etc) for vessels not carrying certain dangerous cargoes;
- Location or position of the vessel at the time of the report.

Agents must provide the above information to the Captain of the Port (COTP) Wilmington until October 15, 2001. Beginning October 15, 2001 the information must be reported to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) at:

National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC)  
United States Coast Guard  
408 Coast Guard Drive  
Kearneysville, W.V. 25430  
Telephone: 1-800-708-9823  
Fax: 1-800-547-8724  
E-mail: [sans@nvmc.uscg.gov](mailto:sans@nvmc.uscg.gov)

Under existing rules, submitters currently have to file separate notices for each U.S. port their vessels intend to enter. This temporary rule allows submitters to file a single report listing all consecutive U.S. destinations during the voyage, along with estimated arrival dates for each port.

For vessels carrying certain dangerous cargoes, agents must notify the NVMC of the estimated departures at least 4 hours (for barges) and 24 hours (for ships) prior to departure. Additionally, any changes to the estimated time of arrival or departure of more than 6 hours must be reported to the NVMC for all vessels.

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