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Dear Shipping Agents and Interested Parties:

Regulatory amendments to section 2298.5 in Article 4.8 of Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations have been approved by the California State Lands Commission (Commission) and the Office of Administrative Law and filed with the Secretary of State. The regulatory changes become effective on January 1, 2021.

The amended regulations require annual submission of the *Marine Invasive Species Program Annual Vessel Reporting Form (AVRF)* through the web-based platform [MISP.IO](https://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/) at least 24 hours prior to a vessel's first arrival at a California port during each calendar year.

Commission staff produced a webinar on October 7, 2020, highlighting the regulatory changes and the process of creating a user account on the web-based platform [MISP.IO](https://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/). We are working through a technical issue to post these webinar presentations on our website at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/>; we anticipate these presentations becoming available for viewing by Monday, December 7, 2020.

Commission staff will provide an additional webinar on December 15, 2020, at 11:00 AM (PST), to walk viewers through the process of completing and submitting the AVRF through the web-based platform [MISP.IO](https://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/). The information for this webinar will be posted on our website within a few days.

The Commission has committed to not enforcing this requirement during the first year, but it is a regulatory requirement, and we encourage the regulated industry to comply. There is an alternatives provision in section 2298.9 in Article 4.8 of Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations. If an owner or operator plans to explore this alternative provision, we encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions at [chris.scianni@slc.ca.gov](mailto:chris.scianni@slc.ca.gov) or at (562) 499-6390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chris Scianni', written in a cursive style.

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