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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 20-009

Advance Notice of Arrival Requirements

This Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) serves as a notification to vessel owners, agents, masters, operators, and persons in charge of vessels of **300 Gross Tons** and above, both used for commercial and recreational purposes, operating in the Sector Key West Captain of the Port Zone (COTP). Within recent months, there has been a significant increase in the number of vessels entering the COTP Key West without submitting an Advance Notice of Arrivals (NOA) or submitting an NOA that **does not** meet regulatory requirements pertaining to:

- The method of submitting an NOA; and/or
- The time required for submissions and updates to NOA prior to arrival

These violations have led to pursuit of civil penalty cases with fines imposed, and will lead to **Denial of Entry, Expulsion or Restriction of Movement** if the vessel is already within U.S. waters for COTP Zone Key West Area of Responsibility. Sector Key West strongly urges maritime stakeholders to become familiar with the corresponding regulations set forth in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 160.210 for the method of submitting an NOA, 33 C.F.R. 160.212 for the time requirements of submitting an NOA prior to arrival, and 33 C.F.R Part 3 for the breakdown of COTP Zones which dictate which port changes require submission. Specific time requirements for submissions for NOAs are:

If your voyage time is—	Then you must submit an NOA—
96 hours or more...	At least 96 hours before arriving at the port or place of destination
Less than 96 hours...	Before departure but at least 24 hours before arriving at the port or place of destination

Specific time requirements for updates to NOAs are:

If your remaining voyage time is—	Then you must submit updates to an NOA—
96 hours or more;	As soon as practicable, but at least 24 hours before arriving at the port or place of destination;
Less than 96 hours but not less than 24 hours;	As soon as practicable, but at least 24 hours before arriving at the port or place of destination;
Less than 24 hours	As soon as practicable, but at least 12 hours before arriving at the port or place of destination.

With the high owner/operator turnover rate in our zone, it is important for maritime stakeholders to be proactive with these timelines to prevent vessel operational controls. Additionally, failure to comply with these regulations may include, but is not limited to, a civil penalty of \$94,219 issued against the owner, operator, and/or the person in charge of the vessel. For additional information regarding this bulletin, please contact Sector Key West at 305-292-8727.