

§ 151.2041 [Redesignated]

10. Redesignate the old § 151.2041 as the new § 151.2043.

11. Add new § 151.2041 to read as follows:

§ 151.2041 What are the Mandatory Ballast Water Reporting Requirements for all vessels equipped with ballast tanks bound for ports or places in the United States?

(a) Reporting requirements exist for each vessel bound for ports or places in the United States regardless of whether vessel operated outside of the EEZ (which includes the equivalent zone of Canada), unless exempted in §§ 151.2010 or 151.2015.

(b) The master, owner, operator, agent, or person-in-charge of a vessel to whom this section applies must provide the information required by § 151.2045 in electronic or written form to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard or the appropriate COTP as follows:

(1) For any vessel bound for the Great Lakes from outside the EEZ (which includes the equivalent zone of Canada).

(i) You must fax the required information at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives in Montreal, Quebec to either the USCG COTP Buffalo, Massena Detachment (315-764-3283), or the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (315-764-3250); or

(ii) If you are not a U.S. or Canadian Flag vessel, you may complete the ballast water information section of the St. Lawrence Seaway required "Pre-

entry Information from Foreign Flagged Vessels Form" and submit it in accordance with the applicable Seaway Notice in lieu of this requirement.

(2) For a vessel bound for the Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge entering from outside the EEZ (which includes the equivalent zone of Canada). You must fax the information to the COTP New York (718-354-4249) at least 24 hours before the vessel enters New York, New York.

(3) For any vessel not addressed in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section, which is equipped with ballast water tanks and bound for ports or places in the United States. If your voyage is less than 24 hours, you must report before departing your port or place of departure. If your voyage exceeds 24 hours, you must report at least 24 hours before arrival at your port or place of destination. All required information is to be sent to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) using only one of the following means:

(i) Internet at <http://invasions.si.edu/ballast.htm>; or

(ii) E-mail to ballast@serc.si.edu; or

(iii) Fax to 301-261-4319; or

(iv) Mail to U.S. Coast Guard, c/o SERC (Smithsonian Environmental Research Center), P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037-0028.

(c) A single report that includes the ballast discharge information for

consecutive voyages between U.S. ports, or between U.S. and Canadian ports on the Great Lakes, will be accepted.

(d) If the information submitted in accordance with this section changes, you must submit an amended form before the vessel departs the waters of the United States.

§ 151.2043 [Amended]

12. In newly designated § 151.2043:

(a) In the section heading, after the words "Hudson River," add the words "after operating outside the EEZ or Canadian equivalent"; and

(b) In paragraphs 151.2043(a) and 151.2043(a)(1) remove the number "§ 151.2040(c)(4)" and add in its place the number, "§ 151.2041".

§ 151.2045 [Amended]

13. In § 151.2045(a) remove the phrase "entering the waters of the United States after operating beyond the EEZ" and add in its place, the phrase "bound for a port or place in the United States".

14. Amend Appendix to Subpart D of Part 151—BALLAST WATER REPORTING FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BALLAST WATER REPORTING FORM by revising the "Where to send this form" instructions to read as follows:

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Where To Send This Form

[Vessels equipped with ballast water tanks bound for all ports or places within the waters of the United States after operating outside the EEZ (which includes the equivalent zone of Canada).]

Bound for:	You must submit your report as detailed below:
The Great Lakes	Fax the information at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives in Montreal, Quebec, to the USCG COTP Buffalo, Massena Detachment (315-764-3283) or to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (315-764-3250). In lieu of faxing, vessels that are not U.S. or Canadian flagged may complete the ballast water information section of the St. Lawrence Seaway "Pre-entry Information from Foreign Flagged Vessel Form".
Hudson River north of the George Washington Bridge.	Fax the information to the COTP New York at (718-354-4249) at least 24 hours before the vessel arrives at New York, New York. *Note: Vessels entering COTP New York Zone which are not bound up the Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge should submit the form in accordance with the instructions in the following block.
All other U.S. Ports	Report before departing the port or place of departure if voyage is less than 24 hours, or at least 24 hours before arrival at the port or place of destination if the voyage exceeds 24 hours; and submit the required information to the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) by one of the following means: Via the Internet at http://invasions.si.edu/ballast.htm ; E-mail to ballast@serc.si.edu ; Fax to 301-261-4319; or Mail the information to U.S. Coast Guard, c/o SERC, P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037-0028.