



**The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System**  
*Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent*

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Notice to Shipping NO. 8 – 2021

MAISONNEUVE REGION  
MONTRÉAL / LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

**MODIFICATIONS TO SHIP INSPECTIONS**

Due to the current operating environment, temporary changes to the Seaway Enhanced Ship Inspections (ESI) program for foreign ships are being implemented in order to minimize the risk of exposure, while balancing the risk to Seaway structures and ensuring compliance with Seaway Practices and Procedures.

These temporary measures will pro-actively evaluate ship's conditions based on historical transits, the date of the last Seaway inspection, past deficiencies and corrective actions, etc. Ships that would traditionally be inspected will be sent a “**Self-Inspection Report for Foreign Ships**” form ([PDF](#) | [DOC](#)), which must be filled out and returned to SLSMC 96 hours prior to arrival at CIP 2. This evaluation may result in some ships being exempt from a full ESI and they will be granted direct entry into St-Lambert Lock.

For exempt ships that may have a direct entry to the Seaway, ballast water inspections will still occur, however they will either take place between St-Lambert Lock and Cote St-Catherine Lock, between Snell Lock and Eisenhower Lock, or through other administrative measures.

These temporary measures will be in place until further notice.

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