



**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 – 2022

MAISONNEUVE REGION  
MONTRÉAL / LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

**MODIFICATIONS TO SHIP INSPECTIONS**

The changes to the Seaway Enhanced Ship Inspections (ESI) program for foreign ships implemented in order to minimize the risk of exposure in the operating environment, while balancing the risk to Seaway structures and ensuring compliance with Seaway Practices and Procedures will continue again this year.

These 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.

Ships equipped with landing booms and intending to use them shall send the following information together with the completed Self-inspection report:

- confirmation that ship's crew is adequately trained in the use of landing booms;
- latest load test certificate, if any;
- copy of landing booms record of maintenance, if any.

In addition, ships with deck cargo shall provide stowage plan showing maximum height of deck cargo and visibility calculations confirming visibility meets IMO/SOLAS regulations.

These measures will be in place until further notice.

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