



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

SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 4 – 2023

Modification to Foreign Ship Inspection Program

A revised Seaway Ship Inspection program for foreign ships will be implemented this 2023 navigation season.

- Enhanced Ship Inspections (ESI - physical ship inspection) by Seaway Ship Inspectors will be carried out once every two seasons
- A self-inspection will be required in the interim season
- Passenger ships will be subject to an annual ship inspection
- The ESI or self-inspection is required on the first transit of the navigation season

The following outlines the revised inspection process:

1. **Agents must provide to the Seaway Ship Inspectors by email (email: inspecteursvm@seaway.ca and to vtc@dot.gov) an initial notice of inspection of 120 hours (5 days) prior to the ship's arrival at CIP 2.**
2. Seaway Ship Inspectors will inform the ship's agent whether an ESI inspection or a self-inspection is required.
3. For an ESI inspection:
 - a) Once confirmed that an ESI inspection is required the Ship's agent is to provide a 24 hour notice on ship arrival to the Seaway Ship Inspectors (e-mail: inspecteursvm@seaway.ca and to vtc@dot.gov) for inspection purposes.
 - b) Ship's agent to provide a 2 hour confirmation to SLSMC OCC (ext. 2232).
 - c) ESI Inspections will be conducted between 06:00 and 22:00
 - d) Inspections for Quebec City will be based on Ship Inspector availability.
 - e) **ESI inspections for new ships will be done during daylight only hours.**
4. For Self inspections:
 - a) Ship to complete a Foreign Self Inspection report and submit electronically to inspecteursvm@seaway.ca and to vtc@dot.gov. (Revised form and directions are on website).



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- b) The “Foreign Self-Inspection Report” form must be filled out and returned to SLSMC 96 hours prior to arrival at CIP 2. Upon successful review of the self-inspection report, the ship will be granted direct entry into St-Lambert Lock.
- c) For foreign ships subject to self-inspection and **direct entry only**, 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.
- d) Ships equipped with landing booms and intending to use them shall send the following information together with the completed Self-inspection report:
 - i. Confirmation that ship's crew is adequately trained in the use of landing booms
 - ii. Latest load test certificate
 - iii. Copy of landing booms record of maintenance
- e) 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.

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