

Reporting obligation to SafeSeaNet Sweden (former FRS)

Vessels bound for a Swedish port or anchorage in Swedish territorial waters shall provide certain information to the Swedish Maritime Administration (SMA). The required information is obligatory and must be submitted electronically in SafeSeaNet Sweden (SSNS). Through this leaflet we would like to clarify what the requirements are and how to report in a correct way.

Why should I report?

In order to achieve a more effective vessel traffic monitoring, EU has set up a central information system SafeSeaNet EMSA to which each member state is required to transfer information from their national system. In Sweden, SMA is responsible for collecting and sending the information to the central system and for this purpose SMA has developed SSNS. The reporting requirements are based on the so-called Monitoring Directive and its amendment directive which has been incorporated into Swedish legislation through Swedish Transport Agency's (STA) regulation nr TSFS 2010:159. From the 1st of January 2011 the new reporting requirements will come into force and by then Port State directive will have a connection to SSNS.

What to report?

Reporting Regulation (2010:159) contains provisions regarding the master's, operator's or agent's obligation to submit the following information regarding:

Vessel notification (Port Notification)

According paragraphs 2 and 6 (TSFS 2010:159) the regulation applies to ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards bound for a port or anchorage in Swedish territorial waters or departing from a Swedish port or anchorage shall report their arrival and departure.

Expanded Port State Control

According to Chap. 9 paragraph 6 (TSFS 2010:178), a foreign vessel which is subject to an expanded inspection shall notify in SSNS's web application at least 72 hours before the expected arrival at a Swedish port or anchorage or before leaving the previous port if the voyage is expected to take less than 72 hours.

ATA and ATD

Chapter 9 paragraph 8 (TSFS 2010:178) states that a foreign vessel is required to report their Actual Time of Arrival (ATA) and Actual Time of Departure (ATD).

Dangerous or Polluting goods (Hazmat notification)

According to paragraphs 13-15 (TSFS 2010:159), all vessels car-

rying dangerous or polluting goods irrespective of size departing from a port or anchorage in Swedish territorial waters shall report the details of dangerous or polluting goods to the SSNS. All vessels irrespective of size coming from a non-EU country and bound for a Swedish port or anchorage shall report dangerous or polluting goods details according to Annex 3.

Note: *According to the regulation contact details to a land based person/function shall be provided which if necessary can be contacted regarding detailed DPG information.*

Scheduled service

Organizations that are running scheduled service (according to a timetable) need to submit information concerning number of people on board and dangerous or polluting goods prior to vessels departure and arrival. If a scheduled arrival/departure is cancelled it should be removed from SSNS. The notification requirement is not fulfilled until all information as required by SMA is reported.

Vessel generated waste (Waste notification)

The STA's waste regulation TSFS 2010:96, applies on vessels. SMA's regulation SJÖFS 2001:12 states ports obligations for the acceptance of waste from the vessel. It states that vessels should send a prior notice through SSNS regarding the waste which they intend to leave in the port's reception facility. The port in turn has the possibility of confirming the reception through SSNS. The vessel generated waste which is mandatory to deliver in the port is oily bilge water, sludge, sewage and garbage. Exceptions are oily bilge water if oily-water separator is in operation, sludge that fills less than a quarter of the collecting tank volume, sewage that has passed an approved pollution abatement equipment or that may be released from the prescribed distance from land, food waste and fresh fish and parts thereof.

Vessels in schedule service with special arrangements for delivery of waste can apply for exemption from mandatory delivery of waste. Such vessels leave their waste in one port and are exempted from mandatory delivery of waste in other ports on the scheduled line. When applying for exemption, use the form "Application for exemption from mandatory delivery of waste from ships in scheduled traffic" and send it to STA along with a copy of contracts with approved waste disposal company, a sailing list and a proof of that the vessel has sufficient storage capacity on board.

Additional information is available at STAs website:


<http://www.transportstyrelsen.se/sv/Sjofart/Miljoskydd/Avfallshantering/>

How should I report?

The information is reported electronically to SSNS, according to paragraph 7 (TSFS 2010:159) by one of the following ways:

- Web application,
- XML interface, or
- EDIFACT interface





If the SSNS is unavailable due to technical reasons making reporting impossible, then reporting should be done as advised by SMA at that time. SMA should therefore be contacted for instructions on how reporting should be done.

What happens if I don't report?

Anyone who intentionally or negligently omits to report according to the existing rules may be fined or sentenced to imprisonment depending on the grade of violation.

Further information and contact details

On SMA's website

<http://www.sjofartsverket.se/en/e-services/vessel-reporting-system>

you will find information on how to send information to SSNS. Those who are interested in transferring electronically information from their own systems through XML or to get start with SSNS, are welcome to contact SMA's helpdesk.

