



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## Properly Providing Fuel Type(s) on Notice of Arrival (NOA)

OCE Description	---	VRP Type	NONTANK
CVSSA Onboard	No	Vessel Tonnage	73819
Longshoreman Work Declaration	No	Less Than 300GT	No
INA Exemption Code	---	Fuel Type(s)	---

An increasing number of ships, both domestic and foreign, are utilizing low flashpoint, novel, or alternative fuels rather than traditional fuel oil when calling on ports in U.S. waters. Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160.205 outlines the prescribed requirements relating to the notice of arrival (NOA) documentation filed by ships transiting U.S. waters.

As alternative fuels become increasingly utilized in the marine transportation system, the Coast Guard has updated the NOA form to include information on a vessel's "Fuel Type(s)." Vessel owners, operators, and agents are requested to ensure that accurate and complete information is supplied with respect to the fuel type(s) being used onboard. Alternative fuel type(s) and systems provide unique hazards and risks not always shared by traditional fuel oils. If a vessel uses a fuel type other than traditional fuel oil, the Coast Guard works to ensure that specially qualified and trained marine inspectors and/or port state control officers are present if the vessel is selected for inspection. When this information is provided to the Coast Guard on the NOA, units are better able to prepare and allocate appropriate personnel for these inspections. If the fuel type information on the NOA is found to be inaccurate, vessel owners, operators, and agents responsible for the ship should update their NOA with the appropriate information and are encouraged to relay information regarding fuel type(s) directly to the local unit to minimize confusion.

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