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| **Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community** |

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| **Date:** | **January 5, 2024** | **No:** | **24-014** |

**SUBJECT: Online Credit Card Payments for Maritime Fees**

Beginning January 16, 2024, vessel agents will have the ability to make credit card payments for maritime fees to include vessel entrance and clearance fees. After the vessel entrance has been approved, the vessel agent will receive an “Online Payment Request” email to pay online with a hyperlink to the [eCBP Payment Portal](https://e.cbp.dhs.gov/maritime/#/home).

Unless otherwise requested by the vessel agent, each vessel entered at any of the ports within the Area Port of New Orleans (*New Orleans, Gramercy, Baton Rouge, Morgan City, Lake Charles and Shreveport*) will receive an online payment request email for that vessel. If an agent needs to pay by check, they must notify CBP on their VECS entrance filing in the Remarks/Other field by noting “Check Payment Requested.” Agents that file in-person paper entrances may also pay online by credit card.

If you have any questions, please contact Port of Gramercy, Port Director James Welch at 225-268-9454 or by email at james.j.welch@cbp.dhs.gov.