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Reference:	USCG - NVDC Workbook 7.6

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More than 18,000 Port State Control inspections annually take place on board foreign ships in the Paris MoU ports, ensuring that these ships meet international safety, security and environmental standards, and that crewmembers have adequate living and working conditions. The basic principle is that the prime responsibility for compliance with the requirements laid down in the international maritime conventions lies with the shipowner/operator.

The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a notice stating that NOAD Schema 3.6 and NVDC Workbook 7.6 have been officially released.

The booklet serves as an easy at hand guidance offering a quick introduction to how to prepare for inspections by Port state Control Officers. It also offers advice to the crew on how to avoid unnecessary problems when calling at a port in the region and reflects on the best practices and code of good conduct during inspections. Lastly, the guide advises ships on how to comply with regulations when calling at a port or anchorage.

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance maritime domain awareness, USCG continues to improve handling of essential data contained within Notices of Arrival and Departure (NOAD). An updated NOAD schema, versioned 3.6, has been released and contains various schema improvements, updates to our ports list and retirement of the NVMC workbook as a means of submission for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) NOAs. With the release of NOAD Schema 3.6, NOAD Schema 3.4 and older versions will no longer be supported.

Additionally, the official NVMC Excel workbook for submitting a Notice of Arrival/Departure (NOAD) has been released. This updated workbook is now in the newer Microsoft Excel XLSX format to reduce the file size and contains foreign port additions/removals/corrections. This new workbook also contains various validation checks to prevent data entry error, comments for each field to aid in data entry and a new definitions worksheet for answers to frequently asked questions.

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