



# SPECIAL NOTICE

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## Marine Invasive Species Fee Matters No Longer Require a Power of Attorney for Marine Agents to Act on Behalf of Owners and Operators

Beginning January 1, 2022, we can disclose information regarding a vessel owner or operator's marine invasive species fee to any marine agent acting on behalf of the vessel owner or operator. Therefore, we will no longer require an owner or operator to provide a [CDTFA-392, Power of Attorney \(POA\)](#) or a [CDTFA-5226, Marine Invasive Species Fee – Agent Agreement \(Agent Agreement\)](#) to authorize a marine agent to act on their behalf. This change is due to the enactment of [Senate Bill 824](#) (Stats. 2021, ch. 432) located at [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB824](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB824).

### What does this mean for marine agents?

We will send you a copy of the billing for each arrival, in which you are acting on behalf of a vessel owner or operator, based on the information we receive from the Marine Exchange.

### What does this mean for owners and operators?

- You will continue to receive the original billings as legal notification of the liability even if you use a marine agent for processing your billings. A copy of the billing will be mailed to your agent for payment.
- We will continue to bill you directly when a marine agent is not used for processing billings.
- We will keep any POA or Agent Agreement documentation on file for reference purposes, if you choose to submit them.

### For more information

Please view our online [Marine Invasive Species Fee Guide](#) located at [www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/marine-inv-spec-fee.htm](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/marine-inv-spec-fee.htm) for more information.

If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711). Select the *Special Taxes and Fees* option and follow the prompts for *Registration and Licensing*, then *Marine Invasive Species Fee*. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.