

Consolidated European Reporting System

Advice Note

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Reporting requirements following the UK's EU Exit, and new password requirements

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This Advice Note provides information on how the UK's EU Exit affects CERS processes, and an upcoming change to login password requirements.

1. Following EU Exit, there are no changes to the UK reporting process via CERS. Despite no longer connecting to SafeSeaNet (SSN), the UK maintains an ongoing working relationship with EMSA and still connects to the international systems they host (such as THETIS). Collection of voyage information is also still required under international conventions.
2. Due to CERS now connecting directly to THETIS instead of SSN, a "COMPLETE" message no longer appears in CERS' *Out Msg Status* column. This is merely a system technicality as a result of the new connection: please be assured that voyages and workflows are still being processed successfully.
3. As a security measure, CERS login passwords will soon have a 2-year expiry and be required to contain numbers as well as letters. Current passwords will not need to be changed until they expire, although any passwords on accounts that have been in place for 2 years or more will expire once the new requirements are introduced. New accounts will need to conform to the new password rules. A notification of when this comes into effect will be sent once a date is confirmed.

Please contact CERS3@mcga.gov.uk for any further information.

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