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| **California Department of Justice**<br>**CALIFORNIA JUSTICE**<br>**INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION**<br>**Veronica Gilliard, Chief/CIO** | | *INFORMATION*<br>*BULLETIN* |
| *Subject:*<br><br>National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Technical and Operational Update (TOU) 21-5: Automated Boat System (ABS) - Expand Boat Registration (REG) and Coast Guard Document (CGD) Number Field | *No.*<br>24-10-CJIS<br><br>*Date:*<br><br>07-19-2024 | *Contact for information:*<br><br>Stolen Vehicles Unit<br>StolenVehicles@doj.ca.gov<br>(916) 210-3215 |

**TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CLETS) USERS**

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all law enforcement agencies that pursuant to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Technical and Operational Update (TOU) 21-5, the California Department of Justice (DOJ)  has  updated the Automated Boat System (ABS) to  allow for an increase in the length of the Boat Registration (REG) and Coast Guard Document (CGD) data fields from eight to ten characters for all boat entry types: Stolen, Stored, Repossessed, and Lost.

Per NCIC TOU 21-5, the United States Coast Guard has advised that the REG and CGD field lengths will be increased from eight alphabetic/numeric characters to ten alphabetic/numeric characters to provide for expanded field length requirements. Accordingly, DOJ has modified the NCIC System to REG from eight to ten alphabetic/numeric characters. Therefore, the ABS would also need to reflect these changes to provide extended capability for future Coast Guard needs. The *NCIC Operating Manual* is also being updated to reflect this change.

Programming changes will be required for agencies utilizing local systems for data entry in order to accommodate the expansion of the REG and CGD; however, the string format may be used as an alternative. If your agency utilizes LEAWEB, no programming changes will be necessary.

For information on the entry formats, database responses and instructions on how to enter, modify, or cancel the REG and CGD field number, please refer to the Criminal Justice Information Systems Manual – Sec 2 – ABS Terminal Operator's Guide, located in the Publications section on the CLEW website at https://clew.doj.ca.gov/svsabs.

For questions about this information bulletin, please contact the Stolen Vehicles Unit at (916) 210-3215 or via email at StolenVehicles@doj.ca.gov.


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