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CANCELLATION OF THE INSHORE TRAFFIC ZONE ASSOCIATED WITH
THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME "IN THE SARONICOS GULF"

- 1 The Government of Greece has informed the Organization that the inshore traffic zone (ITZ) of the existing traffic separation scheme (TSS) "In the Saronicos Gulf" will be cancelled as from 19 April 1990.
- 2 In this regard, the Government of Greece has provided the following additional information:
 - .1 the amendment to Rule 10(d) of the 1972 Collision Regulations adopted on 19 October 1989 initiated, in the light of the related COLREG.2/Circ.29 regarding the need to define the end limits of ITZs, a review of the existing TSS "In the Saronicos Gulf". The review was carried out by a group of experts representing competent authorities and interested parties;
 - .2 the recommendations of the group have been endorsed by the Greek Administration. As a first step, it has been decided to cancel the ITZ associated with the TSS as from 19 April 1991. The timing of the decision did not permit a written submission within the time limit of three months for consideration by the thirty-sixth session of the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation; however, a statement to that effect was made by the Greek delegation at the session (NAV 36/25, paragraph 3.7);
 - .3 local conditions and the entry into force of Rule 10(d) prior to the fifty-ninth session of the Maritime Safety Committee necessitated this action by the Greek Government by virtue of paragraph 3.8 of the General Provisions on Ships' Routeing;
 - .4 the cancellation will require in a future amendment to the publication on "Ships' Routeing" (Part B, III/4) and the expunction of the ITZ concerned from nautical charts.
- 3 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.