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TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

Temporary adjustment of the traffic separation scheme "In the Bass Strait"

Note by the Government of Australia

1 The Government of Australia has recently informed the Organization that it will make a temporary change to one of the Traffic Separation Schemes (TSSs) "In the Bass Strait" on the south east coast of Australia at 0000 hours UTC on 1 March 2002. The adjustment is to allow for the drilling of petroleum exploration wells. The change essentially involves widening the separation zone to 6 miles and shifting the eastbound lane 4.5 miles to the south. The westbound lane remains unchanged. A section of chart AUS 357A showing the adjusted TSS is given at annex.

2 Revised geographical co-ordinates of the salient points of the TSS are as follows:

A separation zone 6.0 miles wide centred on the following geographical positions:

- 1 38° 43'.40 S 148° 21'.66 E
- 2 38° 46'.33 S 148° 16'.37 E
- 3 38° 48'.32 S 148° 10'.17 E

A traffic lane for westbound vessels between the separation zone and a line connecting the following geographical positions (unchanged):

- 4 38° 38'.50 S 148° 17'.50 E
- 5 38° 41'.00 S 148° 13'.20 E
- 6 38° 42'.80 S 148° 07'.30 E

A traffic lane for eastbound vessels between the separation zone and a line connecting the following geographical positions:

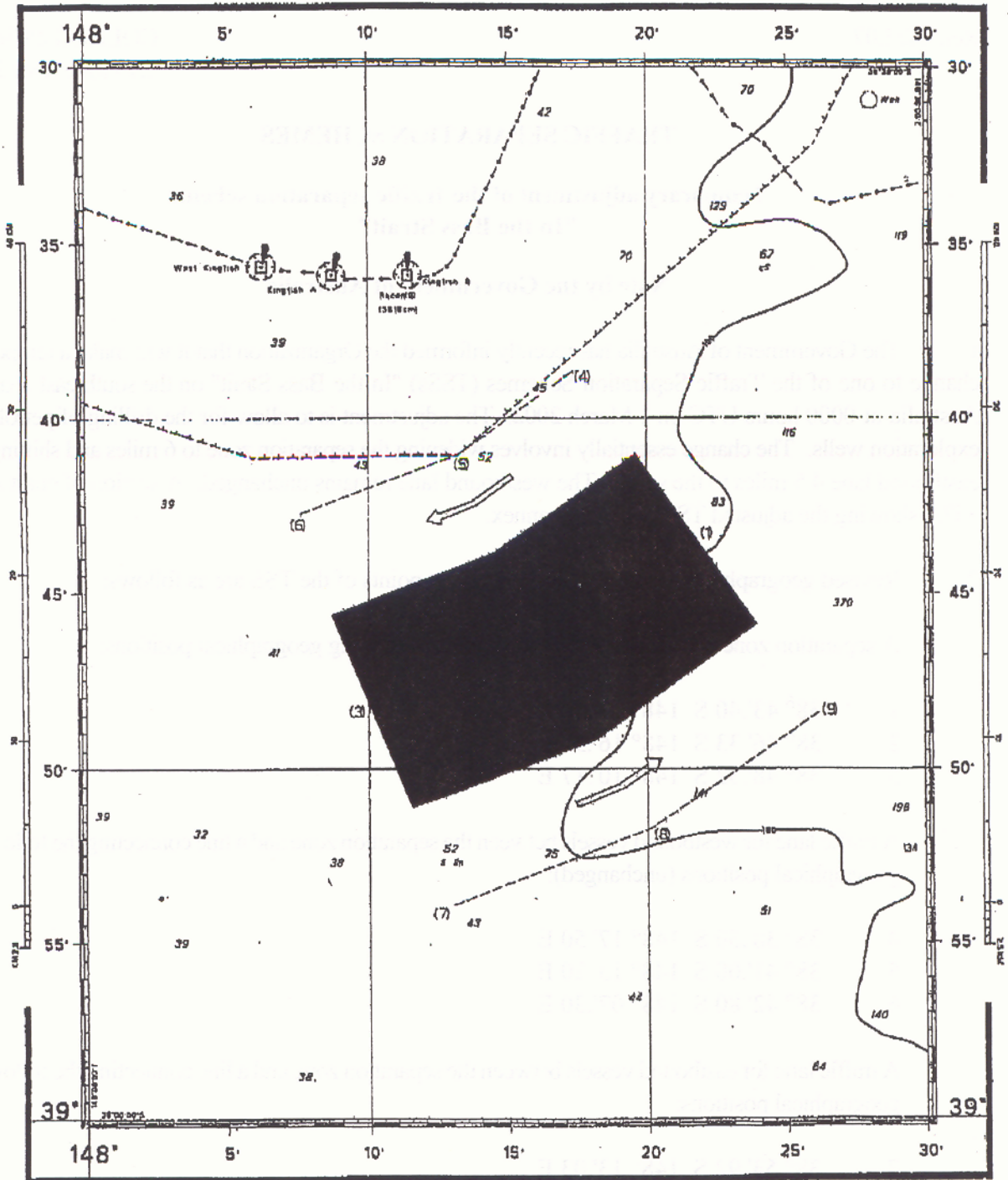
- 7 38° 53'.92 S 148° 13'.03 E
- 8 38° 51'.72 S 148° 20'.09 E
- 9 38° 48'.40 S 148° 26'.17 E

Co-ordinates are on the AGD 66 grid and may be plotted directly on chart AUS 357A.

3 Australia will also issue notices to mariners advising of the changes.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.

ANNEX



Section of chart Aus 357A showing the temporary adjustments to TSS "In The Bass Strait" which will come in to force on 01 March 2002.