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NOTIFICATION BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT OF  
LEGISLATION ON RULES FOR LIGHTS AND SHAPES  
TO BE CARRIED BY VESSELS TOWING DRACONES  
OR BY DRACONES UNDER TOW

The Secretary-General has recently been notified by the Danish Government that an order has been issued by the Danish Ministry of Commerce (Order No. 182 of May 30 1968) referring to lights and shapes to be carried by vessels towing dracones or by dracones under tow as recommended by the IMCO Assembly (A.IV/Res.93).

The text of the order, given overleaf, is circulated to Governments for their information.

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LIGHTS AND SHAPES TO BE CARRIED BY VESSELS  
TOWING DRACONES OR BY DRACONES UNDER TOW

In pursuance of section 5, subsection (1), of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Act, as promulgated by Order No. 309 of August 3, 1965, the following provisions are laid down.

1. A vessel towing one or more dracones (plastic or rubber containers with liquid cargo) shall carry the following signals:
    - (a) By day: Where it can best be seen, a black diamond shape, measuring at least 0.61 m (2 feet) in diameter;
    - (b) By night: Where it can best be seen, an all round blue light visible at a distance of at least two nautical miles. In addition, the vessel shall carry such lights as it is required to carry in pursuance of Rule 3 or Rule 7(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
  2. A dracone under tow, or the last dracone if there is more than one in a line, shall tow a float. To indicate the extremity of the tow, the float shall carry the following signals:
    - (a) By day: A black diamond shape, measuring at least 0.61 m (2 feet) in diameter;
    - (b) By night: An all round white light visible at a distance of at least two nautical miles.
  3. These rules shall be observed by all vessels in Danish territorial waters.
  4. Anyone failing to observe the rules set out in this order shall be liable to punishment in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Act.
  5. This Order shall enter into force on July 1, 1968.
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