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MATTERS RELATED TO THE 1972 COLLISION REGULATIONS

NEW TRAFFIC ORDER IN CONFORMITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL  
REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972  
TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE BOSPHORUS

At the request of the Government of Turkey the following information is brought to the attention of Member Governments:

"1 It is decided that a new traffic order conforming to the international rules of navigation be established in the Bosphorus. The new order which will be effective in the Bosphorus as of 1st May 1982, 0900 GMT (12 LMT) is as follows:

- .1 The existing left hand side navigation order in the Bosphorus which is applicable between Kizkulesi-Ortaköy line in the south and Tarabya Burmu-Umurbeyi Feneri line in the north will be abolished on 1st May 1982, at 0900 GMT (12 LMT) and then the new order in conformity with Rule 9 of International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea of 1972 will come into force.
- .2 Ships in transit from the Sea of Marmara to the Black Sea or from the Black Sea to the Sea of Marmara will, in accordance with Rule 9 of the 1972 Collision Regulations, navigate throughout the Bosphorus on the right hand side of the Median line (traffic separation line) and under no circumstances will they pass to the left of the said line.
- .3 Ships in the course of their transit through the Bosphorus will not overtake other vessels unless they are forced to do so and will navigate inside the designated traffic lane.

2 Pilotage services

- 2.1 The pilotage stations provide pilotage services on a 24 hour basis for ships navigating in the Bosphorus.

2.2 The locations of these stations are given in the international pilotage books and marked on the Bosphorus chart (TR.2921).

2.3 In view of the unique geographical configuration and the currents of the Bosphorus which present difficulties to navigation and in order to eliminate the likelihood of an accident that may occur due to mistakes of a captain who is not fully aware of the change in the order of traffic, vessels are strongly advised to make use of pilotage services.

### 3 Amendments to charts

"Caution" 1 on Chart TR 2921 will be deleted with the coming into effect of the new traffic order.

### 4 Navigational notices

Explanatory information and navigational warnings regarding the new traffic order in the Bosphorus is broadcast in English and Turkish by the following radio stations:

Istanbul (TAH) (Yesilköy)	: 441-2670 kHz
Izmir (TAN2)	: 458-516-1850 kHz
Mersin (TAN5)	: 524-2820 kHz
Samsun (TAN6)	: 416-2760 kHz
Bandırma (YMH) (Meteoroloji)	: 478-3636-6965 kHz"