

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

4 ALBERT EMBANKMENT,
LONDON SE1 7SR

Telephone: 01-735 7611
Telegrams: INTERMAR-LONDON SE1
Telex: 23588



COLREG.2/Circ.26

6 March 1986

IMO

Ref. T2/2.07

AMENDED TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

1 With reference to COLREG.2/Circ.24 and COLREG.2/Circ.25, the Secretary-General has been informed by the Government of Australia that the implementation of the amended traffic separation scheme "In the Bass Strait", which was scheduled to take place at 0001 UTC on 21 February 1986, has been postponed as it has not been possible to install in time some of the new navigational aids necessary to serve the amended traffic separation scheme. The existing traffic separation scheme will therefore continue in operation until the new navigational aids are operational.

2 Details of postponement of implementing the amended scheme have been brought to the attention of ships by coastal and long-range navigational warning broadcasts as well as by a notice to mariners being distributed to all ships arriving at Australian ports. The Australian Hydrographer has advised other national hydrographic offices.

3 The Organization has been advised that the Australian Government will provide a new implementation date for the amended scheme and appropriate measures will also be taken by the Australian Department of Transport and the Australian Hydrographer to ensure mariners are informed of the new date and time by AUSCOAST and NAVAREA X messages through Australian coast radio stations. Other national hydrographic offices will also be advised in good time.

M/3857Y