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AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ON SHIPS' ROUTEING

The Maritime Safety Committee at its fifty-first session (MSC 51/21, annex 3), adopted the following amendments to the General Provisions on Ships' Routeing (Assembly resolution A.378(XI)) subject to confirmation by the fourteenth regular session of the Assembly.

1 Section 2.1(f) - Term "inshore traffic zone"

Amend the definition of inshore traffic zone to:

"(f) Inshore traffic zone - a routeing measure comprising a designated area between the landward boundary of a traffic separation scheme and the adjacent coast, to be used in accordance with the provisions of rule 10(d) of the 1972 Collision Regulations."

2 Section 3.5 - Declaration of time and date of implementation

After the second sentence "... by the circumstances of the case." add:

"If the Government that proposed the system is unable at the time of adoption by the Organization to declare a definite date of implementation, this information should be communicated to the Organization as soon as possible thereafter and the implementation date then declared should not be earlier than four months after the date on which the declaration is made; in the case of a traffic separation scheme the exact time of implementation should also be stated. If there is a protracted delay in making such a declaration, the Government concerned should periodically inform the Organization of the situation and forecast when implementation is likely to be possible."

3 Sections 3.14 and 3.15 - Compatibility with rules 10(k) and 10(1) of the 1972 Collision Regulations

3.1 Replace sections 3.14 and 3.15 by:

"3.14 By rules 10(k) and 10(1) respectively of the 1972 Collision Regulations a vessel restricted in her ability to manoeuvre when engaged in an operation for either the maintenance of safety of navigation or the laying, servicing or picking up of a submarine cable in a traffic separation scheme is exempted from complying with rule 10 to the extent necessary to carry out the operation. The Government or authority responsible for safety of navigation in a traffic separation scheme should ensure that:

- (a) the intention of undertaking such an operation is first notified to each Government or appropriate authority concerned;
- (b) information about such vessels working in a traffic separation scheme is, as far as practicable, promulgated in advance by Notice to Mariners, and subsequently by radio navigation warnings broadcast before and at regular intervals during the operations;
- (c) such operations are, as far as possible, avoided in conditions of restricted visibility."

3.2 Renumber section 3.16 as Section 3.15.