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USE OF COMBINED LANTERN FOR SAILING VESSELS

1. The Netherlands Administration has informed the Secretary-General that it intends to allow sailing vessels of less than 12 metres in length to exhibit the side-lights and the sternlight as prescribed in the Regulations now in force under Rule 5(a), combined in one lantern.
 2. The lantern will be carried at or near the top of the mast where it can best be seen, as described in Rule 25, under (b), of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 and the lights will also comply with Rule 22 and Annex I of said Regulations.
 3. The sailing vessels mentioned will be allowed to carry the lantern as from 1 May 1974.
 4. The Hydrographic Office in the Netherlands will issue a Notice to Mariners.
 5. The Netherlands Administration would appreciate information and reports about the visibility of the lights.
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