IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME "OFF SAN FRANCISCO"

1 In November 1991, the Government of the United States had informed the Organization that implementation of the amendment to the traffic separation scheme (TSS) "Off San Francisco" adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its fifty-ninth session (13 to 24 May 1991) (MSC 59/33, paragraph 10.2 and COLREG.2/Circ.37 of 19 June 1991), would be delayed pending a tanker movement study and designation of a national marine sanctuary in the Monterey, California area.

2 Member Governments were informed of this vide COLREG.2/Circ.37/Add.1 dated 4 November 1991.

3 The study and the sanctuary designation has now been completed, the TSS "Off San Francisco" has been reviewed and found to be consistent with the findings of the study and the requirements of the sanctuary. The reviewing body has supported the schemes as amended.

4 Accordingly, the Government of the United States has now informed the Organization that the amended traffic separation scheme (TSS) "Off San Francisco" will be implemented at 0000 hours UTC on 15 July 2000.

5 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.