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NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972
TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE STRAIT OF ISTANBUL

At the request of the Government of Turkey, SN/Circ.108 of 4 February 1982
is replaced by the attached which contains additional information and technical
corrections.



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NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION
IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR
PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA (IMCO COLREG OF 1972) IS BEING ESTABLISHED
IN THE STRAIT OF ISTANBUL

A. It is decided that a new traffic regulation conforming to the international rules of navigation be established in the Strait of Istanbul. The new regulation which will be effective in the Strait of Istanbul as of 1 st May 1982, 0900 GMT (1200 LMT) is as follows :

1. The existing left side navigation regulation in the Strait of Istanbul which is applicable between Kızkulesi - Ortaköy line in the south and Tarabya Burnu - Umuryeri Feneri line in the north will be abolished on 1 st May 1982-at 0900 GMT. (1200 LMT) and then the new regulation in conformity with rule 9 of international regulations preventing collision at sea of 1972 will come into force.

2. Ships in their 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 IMCO COLREG 72, navigate throughout the Strait of Istanbul on the right side of the median line.

3. It is strongly recommended that ships during their transit in the Strait of Istanbul will not overtake other vessels unless they are forced to do so and will navigate inside the designated transit passage.

4. Ships will not anchor inside the transit passage.

5. Coordinates designating the outer limits of transit passage and median line are as follows :

Median line of transit passage :

1. 41°00'10" N	28°59'45" E	2. 41°01'24" N	28°59'48" E
3. 41°01'33" N	28°59'55" E	4. 41°03'09" N	29°02'34" E
5. 41°04'08" N	29°03'04" E	6. 41°04'32" N	29°03'03" E
7. 41°05'00" N	29°03'44" E	8. 41°06'15" N	29°03'40" E
9. 41°07'13" N	29°05'00" E	10. 41°07'22" N	29°05'00" E
11. 41°08'55" N	29°03'33" E	12. 41°09'23" N	29°03'32" E
13. 41°10'52" N	29°05'02" E	14. 41°12'13" N	29°06'50" E
15. 41°13'36" N	29°07'59" E		

Outer limits of transit passage :

16. 41°00'00" N	29°00'04" E	17. 41°01'07" N	29°00'04" E
18. 41°01'30" N	29°00'12" E	19. 41°03'06" N	29°02'58" E
20. 41°04'00" N	29°03'15" E	21. 41°04'29" N	29°03'15" E
22. 41°04'58" N	29°03'55" E	23. 41°06'15" N	29°03'51" E
24. 41°07'12" N	29°05'22" E	25. 41°07'22" N	29°05'22" E
26. 41°08'51" N	29°03'53" E	27. 41°09'28" N	29°03'50" E
28. 41°10'48" N	29°05'12" E	29. 41°11'40" N	29°06'46" E
30. 41°12'09" N	29°06'59" E	31. 41°13'22" N	29°08'34" E
32. 41°00'18" N	28°59'25" E	33. 41°01'17" N	28°59'27" E
34. 41°01'44" N	28°59'44" E	35. 41°02'58" N	29°02'06" E
36. 41°04'08" N	29°02'56" E	37. 41°04'34" N	29°02'56" E

38. 41 05 02 N 29 03 33 E	39. 41 06 15 N 29 03 30 E
40. 41 07 28 N 29 04 38 E	41. 41 09 02 N 29 03 16 E
42. 41 09 31 N 29 03 17 E	43. 41 10 30 N 29 04 29 E
44. 41 12 00 N 29 06 00 E	45. 41 12 18 N 29 06 38 E
46. 41 13 48 N 29 07 29 E	

B. Pilotage Services :

1. The pilotage stations are providing pilotage services on 24 hour basis for ships navigating in the Strait of Istanbul. The locations of these stations are given in the international books and marked in the Strait of Istanbul (Turkish chart No.2921)

2. In view of the unique geographical configuration and the currents of the Strait of Istanbul 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.

C. Amendments to charts :

"Caution 1" on Turkish chart No.2921 will be cancelled with the coming into effect of the new traffic regulation"

D. Navigational Notices

Explanatory information and navigational warnings regarding the new traffic regulation in the Strait of Istanbul are broadcast in English and Turkish by the following radio stations by Weekly Notices to Mariners and also will be mailed.

İSTANBUL (TAH) Yeşilköy	: 441-2670	kHz
İZMİR (TAN2)	: 458-516-1850	kHz
MERSİN (TAM5)	: 524-2680	kHz
SAMSUN (TAN6)	: 416-2670	kHz
BANDIRMA (YMH) (Meteoroloji)	: 478-3636-696	kHz
