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SAFETY OF NAVIGATION

CABLE-LAYING OPERATIONS IN THE DOVER STRAIT

- 1 At the request of the Governments of the United Kingdom and France, the following information is brought to the attention of Member Governments.
- 2 Further to the submission to the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation (NAV 27/INF.4), and to the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 49/INF.2), the above Governments advise that electrical cable-laying operations will continue in the Dover Strait between March and September 1985, with a possible extension into October if delays occur.
- 3 The operations planned for this year are:
 - .1 two cable-laying operations between Folkestone and Sangatte, the first in April/May and the second in August/September;
 - .2 a trenching and cable-laying operation between Sangatte and Folkestone to be carried out between June and August.
- 4 The marking and protection by buoyage and guardships will be similar to that used in previous years, the details of which are set out in MSC 49/INF.2.
- 5 Notices to Mariners have been issued giving full information of the operations, and daily Coastal Radio Navigation Warnings will be issued whilst the work is in progress. In addition, hourly broadcasts will be made by the Surveillance Centres at Cap Griz Nez (Channel 11) and Dover Coastguard (Channel 10) throughout the operations; such broadcasts will be prefixed by the words "Operation Channel Cable".
- 6 Member Governments are requested to advise their mariners about these operations and remind them of the need to monitor the various information broadcasts when transitting the area. They should also be advised to keep clear of the operation and on no account to enter the buoy areas around the complexes.

In the interest of safety, and to assist mariners, vessels are requested to identify themselves to the Surveillance Centres when passing the Bassurelle when proceeding eastbound and the Falls Light Vessel when westbound.
