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RECOMMENDATION ON ROUTEING SYSTEMS AND SAFE NAVIGATION IN  
THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AND THE DOVER STRAIT

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-fourth session approved a recommendation on routeing systems and safe navigation in the English Channel and the Dover Strait, which is given in MSC XLIV/21, Annex 17.
- 2 The recommendation, which includes amendments and recommendations relating to a revised routeing system in the English Channel and the Dover Strait, consists of five parts which are summarized in the following paragraphs.

Traffic separation schemes (Part 1)

- 3 Amendments were made to the following traffic separation schemes:
  - At West Hinder
  - In the Strait of Dover and Adjacent Waters
  - Off Casquets
  - Off Ushant
  - South of the Scilly Isles
  - West of the Scilly Isles
  - Off Lands End, between Seven Stones and Longships
- 4 The traffic separation scheme "Off the Lizard" will be withdrawn.
- 5 The above amendments will be implemented on 1 July 1982 at 0001 GMT with the exception of the amended traffic separation scheme "Off Ushant" which will enter into force when the navigational aids listed in paragraph 2 of Part 5 have been installed.

Routeing systems other than traffic separation schemes (Part 2)

- 6 The Maritime Safety Committee adopted the following new and amended routeing systems other than traffic separation schemes, which are subject to confirmation by the twelfth Assembly:

- Areas to be avoided "In the English Channel and its Approaches" (new areas)
- Recommended directions of traffic flow in the English Channel
- Deep water route forming part of the north-eastbound traffic lane off the Strait of Dover and Adjacent Waters traffic separation scheme (amended route)

7 The above measures will also be implemented on 1 July 1982 at 0001 GMT.

Recommendations on navigation through the English Channel and the Dover Strait (Part 3)

8 These recommendations provide guidance to ships using the English Channel and the Dover Strait on the use of the revised routing system and its associated ancillary services.

9 The attention of Member Governments is invited to the use of the term "under-keel allowance" in paragraph 5 of Part 3 in lieu of the term "under-keel clearance" which is considered to reflect more accurately the parameter which it describes.

Ship movement reporting in the English Channel and the Dover Strait (Part 4)

10 Following an extended trial of ship movement reporting in the English Channel and the Dover Strait, the Governments of France and the United Kingdom have introduced on a permanent basis a voluntary ship movement reporting scheme from 1 October 1980.

11 The revised scheme supersedes that given in Annex 10 to NAV XXIII/13.

Navigational aids to be installed prior to the implementation of the revised routing system (Part 5)

12 This Part contains the navigational aids to be installed prior to the implementation of the traffic separation scheme "Off Ushant" and of the other revised schemes.