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AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING DEEP-WATER ROUTE NORTH-EAST OF GEDSER

1 The Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation (NAV), at its forty-seventh session (2-6 July 2001) considered a proposal (NAV 47/3/2), submitted by the Governments of Denmark and Germany, concerning an extension, by 5 nautical miles, of the deep-water route "DW17m" into the traffic separation scheme "South of Gedser" in the Baltic Sea. NAV 47 agreed to the proposed amended traffic separation scheme (NAV 47/13, paragraph 3.45 and annex 2) and recommended its adoption by the Maritime Safety Committee at its seventy-fifth session (15 to 24 May 2002).

2 Subsequently and, as announced at NAV 47, the Governments of Denmark and Germany informed the Organization of their decision to implement the proposed changes as of 6 January 2002, for the purpose of preventing accidental grounding of deep-draught vessels, in the area covered by the scheme; and requested that this information be brought to the attention of Member Governments, which this circular aims at ensuring.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this information, together with the particulars provided in the annex, to the attention of all concerned, including ship owners and operators, shipping companies, shipmasters, pilots, etc.

ANNEX

**EXTENSION OF THE DEEP-WATER ROUTE DW 17M INTO THE TRAFFIC
SEPARATION SCHEME SOUTH OF GEDSER**

AMENDED DEEP-WATER ROUTE NORTH-EAST OF GEDSER

(Reference chart: German 163 INT 1351, 2001 edition.)

Note: This chart is based on WGS 84

Description of the deep-water route

A deep-water route with a minimum depth of water below mean sea level of 17 metres is bounded by a line connecting the following geographical positions:

Existing No.	New No.	Geographical positions in WGS 84	
	(1)	54°27.10N 012°10.50E	added
	(2)	54°27.73N 012°11.30E	added
(1)	(3)	54°31.30N 012°12.80E	amended
(2)	(4)	54°36.46N 012°15.83E	
(3)	(5)	54°46.86N 012°43.23E	
(4)	(6)	54°46.06N 012°44.03E	
(5)	(7)	54°35.36N 012°16.93E	
(6)	(8)	54°31.00N 012°15.20E	amended
	(9)	54°27.40N 012°13.10E	added
	(10)	54°26.57N 012°11.90E	added

Note:

Ships, other than ships which, because of their draught, must use the deep-water route, are recommended to use the areas to the north and south of this route, in such manner that eastbound ships proceed on the south side of the deep-water route and westbound ships on the north side.



