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### ROUTEING MEASURES OTHER THEN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

IMO has released the following SN.1/Circ.335 and three Annexes, which we would draw to your attention. The circular relates to routeing measures which will be implemented with effect from 0000 hrs UTC on 1 January 2018. Please distribute this information to all ship operators, masters and crew.

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## **ROUTEING MEASURES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-eighth session (7 to 16 June 2017), adopted, in accordance with resolution A.858(20) on *Procedure for the adoption and amendment of traffic separation schemes, routeing measures other than traffic separation schemes, including designation and substitution of archipelagic sea lanes, and ship reporting systems*, new routeing measures other than traffic separation schemes, set out in annexes 1 to 3, as follows:

- .1 recommended route "Off the western coast of Izu O Shima Island";
- .2 area to be avoided "Off Peninsula de Osa in the Pacific coast off Costa Rica";  
and
- .3 area to be avoided "Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in the Sulu Sea" as an associated protective measure.

2 Accordingly, the aforementioned will be implemented at 0000 hours UTC on 1 January 2018.

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## ANNEX 1

### ROUTEING MEASURES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

#### NEW RECOMMENDED ROUTE "OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF IZU O SHIMA ISLAND"

(Reference charts:

Electronic Navigation Charts

Japanese charts Nos. JP44NVQC, Edition No.3/2014; JP34NC9C, Edition No.6/2014; and JP24NC90, Edition No.6/2016

Paper charts

Japanese charts Nos. W1066, 2014; W1078, 2005; W51, 2005; JP80/W80, 2007; W61B, 2000; and W81, 2002

**Note:** These charts are issued by the Japanese Coast Guard and based on the World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84.)

#### Description of the recommended route

A recommended route, recommended for use by all ships transiting the area, is established with a central line between the following geographical positions:

- (1) 34° 48'.00 N 139° 17'.00 E
- (2) 34° 42'.20 N 139° 10'.00 E

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## ANNEX 2

### NEW AREA TO BE AVOIDED "OFF PENINSULA DE OSA IN THE PACIFIC COAST OFF COSTA RICA"

(Reference paper charts: British Admiralty N°.1020, 2nd edition, October 2014; British Admiralty N°.1021, 2nd edition, December 2016 and British Admiralty N°.2493, March 2014.

**Note:** These charts are based on the World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84.)

#### Description of the area to be avoided

An area to be avoided by all ships of 900 gross tonnage and upwards is bounded by a line connecting the following geographical positions:

- (1) 08°32'.50 N, 083°17'.06 W (on the coast, Punta Arenitas)
- (2) 08°32'.48 N, 083°14'.10 W
- (3) 08°20'.00 N, 083°14'.10 W
- (4) 08°24'.50 N, 083°40'.00 W
- (5) 08°43'.60 N, 084°00'.00 W
- (6) 08°47'.25 N, 083°38'.69 W (on the coast, Punta Violin)

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### ANNEX 3

#### NEW AREA TO BE AVOIDED "TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK (PSSA) IN THE SULU SEA<sup>1</sup>"

(Reference charts:

Philippine charts No.4707 (INT 5052), 2nd edition, November 2010; No.4357, 1st edition, May 2009

**Note:** These charts are issued by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, Philippines and based on the World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84.)

#### **Description of the area to be avoided**

An area to be avoided by all types of ships of 150 gross tonnage and upwards, in the area to be designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area, is bounded by a line connecting the following geographical positions:

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| (1) | 09° 17'.75 N, | 119° 47'.79 E |
| (2) | 09° 04'.73 N, | 120° 12'.76 E |
| (3) | 08° 49'.63 N, | 120° 13'.99 E |
| (4) | 08° 29'.63 N, | 119° 53'.16 E |
| (5) | 08° 36'.15 N, | 119° 35'.46 E |
| (6) | 09° 11'.06 N, | 119° 36'.67 E |
- thence back to point (1).

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