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For the attention of: Ship owners, ISM managers, masters of Singapore- registered ships.

NAVIGATION THROUGH THE ENTRANCES TO THE BALTIC SEA.

This advisory serves to all Singapore registered ships on navigation through the entrances to the Baltic Sea.

BACKGROUND

2 The eight-third session of Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 83) adopted [SN.1/Circ. 263](#), Routeing Measures Other Than Traffic Separation Scheme. Paragraph 3, page 8 of SN.1/Circ.263 requires ships with a draught of 11 metres or more following Route T on their voyage through the entrances to the Baltic Sea to use pilotage services established by the coastal States. This consensus on pilotage recommendation was reached due to the significant risks of groundings or collisions for large vessels navigating these waters.

3. As per Directive 2009/1 6/EC on port State Control, ships which have not complied with the applicable version of the IMO Recommendation on navigation through the entrances to the Baltic Sea, may be subject to additional Port State Control inspection regardless of the period since the last periodic inspection.

Call for Action

4. MPA urges all SRS operators, managers, and Masters of Singapore registered ships with a draught of 11 metres or more navigating through the Baltic Sea entrances to adopt the recommendations in page 8, paragraph 3 of SN.1/Circ.263.

5. For any queries, please contact us via shipping@mpa.gov.sg or ivd@mpa.gov.sg.

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