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**TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME
AND ASSOCIATED ROUTEING MEASURES
"OFF SLETTNES"**

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

**Traffic separation scheme (TSS) off Slettnes
Recommended route between TSS off Vardoe and TSS off Slettnes
Recommended route between TSS off Slettnes and TSS off North Cape**

Communication by the Government of Norway

At the request of the Government of Norway, the information contained in the annex, on an announcement issued by the Norwegian Maritime Authority, is brought to the attention of Member States and international organizations.

ANNEX



Sjøfartsdirektoratet
Norwegian Maritime Authority

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Your reference

Our reference
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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

Through a navigational warning issued by the Russian Federation, Norway has been made aware of a planned missile test in the Barents Sea from 6 to 9 November this year. The navigational warning states as follows:

COASTAL WARNING MURMANSK 324
BARENTS SEA

1. MISSILE AND ARTILLERY FIRING 06 TO 09 NOV 0500 TO 1900 UTC
IN AREA DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION BOUNDED BY 71-35.0N 029-02.0E
71-35.0N 030-14.0E 71-15.0N 030-14.0E 71-15.0N 029-02.0E
2. CANCEL THIS MESSAGE 092000 UTC NOV 18

The area in question forms part of an area where Norway has the following Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) and recommended routes approved by IMO:

TSS OFF SLETTNES
RECOMMENDED ROUTE BETWEEN TSS OFF VARDOE AND TSS OFF SLETTNES
RECOMMENDED ROUTE BETWEEN TSS OFF SLETTNES AND TSS OFF NORTH CAPE.

This is an issue beyond our control and due to these circumstances, the Norwegian Coastal Administration has found it necessary to issue two NAVAREA XIX warnings and corresponding coastal warnings where Norway temporarily suspend the use of the TSS and the connecting recommended routes.

Since the General provisions on ship's routing request governments to inform IMO on any changes in routing measure, we hereby inform the Secretary General on the following two NAVAREA XIX warnings that have been issued:

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NAVAREA XIX 126/18
BARENTS SEA

1. MISSILE AND ARTILLERY FIRING 06 TO 09 NOV 0500 TO 1900 UTC
IN AREA BOUNDED BY:

- A. 71-35.0N 029-02.0E
- B. 71-35.0N 030-14.0E
- C. 71-15.0N 030-14.0E
- D. 71-15.0N 029-02.0E

2. AREA IS DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION

3. COASTAL WARNING MURMANSK 324 AND NORWEGIAN COASTAL WARNING 611
REFERS

4. CANCEL THIS MESSAGE 092000 UTC NOV 18

NAVAREA XIX 128/18
BARENTS SEA

1. DUE TO MISSILE AND ARTILLERY FIRING THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING
TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME AND RECOMMENDED ROUTES ARE TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED

FROM 060000 TO 091900 UTC NOV 18:

- A. TSS OFF SLETTNES
- B. RECOMMENDED ROUTE BETWEEN TSS OFF VARDOE AND TSS OFF SLETTNES
- C. RECOMMENDED ROUTE BETWEEN TSS OFF SLETTNES AND TSS OFF NORTH
CAPE

2. NORWEGIAN COASTAL WARNING 611, 617 AND NAVAREA XIX 126/18 REFERS

3. CANCEL THIS MESSAGE 092000 UTC NOV 18

We kindly request the IMO secretariat to inform parties concerned in a suitable way.

Best regards

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This document has been electronically approved and signed.
