
ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO NEW NAVAREA IN ARCTIC SEAS

Submitted by the Russian Federation

1. **ACTION REQUIRED:** To discuss related documents bearing in Mind comments made by MSC 80 in Report (MSC 80/24, paragraphs 13.22-13.2).
2. **BACKGROUND:** For the purpose to improve the safety of navigation in Arctic seas the Russian Federation proposes to define and adopt two new NAVAREAs along the northern coast of the Russian Federation. The limits of the proposed two new areas along the northern coast of Russian Federation are defined as follows:
Western (NAVAREA XVII) – West limit: Meridian $32^{\circ}04'35''$ E
 - East limit: Meridian $125^{\circ}00'00''$ E
 - South limits: coast line of the Russian Federation between meridians $32^{\circ}04'35''$ E and $125^{\circ}00'00''$ E, including White Sea.**Eastern (NAVAREA XVIII)** – West limit: Meridian $125^{\circ}00'00''$ E
 - East limit: Meridian $168^{\circ}58'37''$ W
 - South limits: coast line of the Russian Federation between meridians $125^{\circ}00'00''$ E and $168^{\circ}58'37''$ W

Taken into account the opinion of the Norway expressed at MSC 80 the Russian Federation support the need to define further areas to cover remaining sectors of the Arctic, not currently included within the existing 16 NAVAREAs.

3. COMMENTS

3.1 According to existing system of the Navigational and Hydrographic services in the Arctic seas along the northern coast of the Russian Federation, responsibility for the Navigational and Hydrographic services of the merchant shipping in the zone of the Northern Sea Route (limited in the west by the western entrances to the Novaya Zemlya Straits and the meridian running north through Mys Zhelaniya, round from the west of Zemlya Franz - Josef Islands and by meridian $168^{\circ}58'37''$ W in the east) is entrusted on the Federal State Unitary Hydrographic Department Ministry of Transport of Russia ..

3.2 At 30 May 2000 IMO and INMARSAT issued Certificate ? 67 of Authorization to Participate as an Information Provider in the International Safety-NET Service the Federal State Unitary Hydrographic Department. From this time the Federal State Unitary Hydrographic Department provides the Maritime Safety Information for Mariners in Arctic seas in the zone of the Northern Sea Route through the appropriate Land Earth Station in the Inmarsat satellite communication system on the regular base.

3.3 For the covering by MSI broadcast all Arctic seas along the northern coast of the Russian Federation the Maritime Authority of the Russian Federation concerned decides to include the eastern part of the Barents Sea adjoining to the Russian coast and

White Sea covered by transmission of the Murmansk and Arkhangelsk NAVTEX stations in the new aforesaid NAVAREA XVII .

3.4 At the northern point of the intersection of INMARSAT IOR and POR limits the Tiksi NAVTEX station has been established in the trial mode and other NAVTEX Stations are planned as follows:

NAVTEX Stations	Position	Identification Character (B ₁)	Note
Medveziy Island	Lat. 73° 31' N Lon.80° 10' E	M	
Cape Sterlegova	Lat. 75° 24' N Lon.88° 46' E	N	
Andreya Island	Lat. 76° 44' N Lon. 110° 27' E	O	
Bolshoy Begichev Island	Lat. 74° 32' N Lon. 112° 02' E	P	
Tiksi Port	Lat.71° 38' N Lon. 128° 50' E	Q	Operational In trial mode

3. RECOMMENDATION: To be considered under item 3.4 of Agenda.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: To support these proposals.