
NAVAREA I Assessment

Submitted by: **United Kingdom**

1. ACTION REQUIRED:

None - submitted for information only.

2. BACKGROUND:

Within NAVAREA I the WWNWS is a mature and effective system that in most respects requires little more than fine tuning. The Baltic Sea is run as a Sub-Area with Sweden (Baltico) as the Co-ordinator. Coastal Warnings for all states in the area are promulgated on NAVTEX and NAVAREA Warnings are broadcast on SafetyNET through the AOR(E) satellite.

3. COMMENTS:

a. **INTERNATIONAL NAVTEX SERVICE (518 kHz):**

- i. Since the last meeting of this commission no new NAVTEX stations have been established.
- ii. To aid management of data volumes and to avoid any occasional time slot overruns affecting other stations, the B₁ character and associated time slot for the NAVTEX station at Grimeton has been changed from D to I.
- iii. Discussions are ongoing, primarily between Denmark and Iceland, about the possible establishment of a new NAVTEX station in the Faeroe Islands with a service area extending to cover SE Iceland. This would fill a blank spot in current coverage.

b. **NATIONAL NAVTEX SERVICES (490 kHz):**

- i. Since the last meeting of this commission no new NAVTEX stations have been established.
- ii. Germany has approval to establish a National NAVTEX service although timescale to operation is uncertain at present.

c. **SafetyNET SERVICES:**

- i. There have been no changes since the report to the last meeting.

d. **MF/VHF SERVICES:**

- i. There have been no changes since the report to the last meeting.

e. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- i. Trinity House Lighthouse Service have been conducting trials in the region (both in the North Channel and around the Isle of Wight) on behalf of IALA using Short Safety-Related Messages on AIS to promulgate messages relevant to navigational safety. This will be covered in more detail in Agenda Item 3.4.3.2

ii. In March 2004 a very useful meeting was held on the co-ordination and dissemination of MSI in the Baltic Sub-Area of NAVAREA I. It was called and hosted by the Swedish Maritime Administration, chaired by the NAVAREA Co-ordinator, and attended by representatives of nearly all the coastal states in the Sub-Area. The meeting achieved its aim most successfully and a number of concrete proposals to improve the service within the region were made and have subsequently been implemented. In view of the tangible benefits from this meeting, the NAVAREA Co-ordinator is considering arranging a similar meeting for those states in the NAVAREA, but outside the Baltic Sub-Area.

4. RECOMMENDATION(S):

- a. This assessment should be noted by the Commission.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

- a. As above