

Mr. Peter M. Doherty, Chairman of IHO  
Commission on the Promulgation of  
Radio Navigational Warning

Dear Chairman, with reference to Your letter of 29.05.08, according to a Directive of the Federal Agency of Marine and River Transport, I am authorized to inform You as follows:

1. Meteorological information and ice situation for METAREA XX and XXI will be provided to Federal State Unitary Hydrographic Department for further transmission to LES's Nudol and Nakhodka of the Inmarsat-C system by Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environment Monitoring of the Russian Federation.
2. Navarea XX and XXI Co-ordinator has at his disposal three SES terminals of Inmarsat-C system along the northern coast of Russia for monitoring of MSI transmission by the Safety NET.
3. For maximum coverage of the northern parts of NAVAREA XX and XXI outside the limits of the Light up Zones by Satellites of Indian and Pacific ocean Regions of Inmarsat-C, it is planned to organize transmission of MSI by HF NBDP for NAVAREA XX, and NAVTEX Radiostation at the Port Tiksi, at the junction above the mentioned limits.
4. Until updating the existing Safety NET terminals to allow receipt of MSI within the new NAVAREA addressing of NAVAREA/METAREA warnings will be as navigational warning to rectangular area.
5. The Russian Federation do not reject a Possibility to use in the future another Satellite communication systems for transmission MSI according to approved national Rules.
6. Co-ordinator NAVAREA XX and XXI do not need any assistance and support in a training as NAVAREA Co-ordinator.
7. It is planned to start transmissions of navigational and meteorological information for NAVAREA XX and XXI from the beginning of 2010.
8. At the first stage promulgation of navigational and meteorological information for NAVAREA XXI will be fulfilled mainly during the summertime navigation, that is, approximately from June till Octobre. In the future – it will be dependant on traffic in the area.

Some delay of this letter arose during consultation of some details with different authorities in Moskow. Excuse me please for the delay.

Best Regards,

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