

**MSI SELF ASSESSMENT -  
Baltic Sea Sub-area Co-ordinator (BALTICO)  
Submitted by Sweden**

**1. ACTION REQUIRED**

None, submitted for information only

**2. BACKGROUND**

The BALTICO-office at the Swedish Maritime Administration (SMA), Hydrographic Office, is the

- Baltic Sea Sub-area Co-ordinator
- National Co-ordinator of Sweden
- Co-ordinator for NAVTEX broadcasts within the Baltic Sea area
- Publisher of the Swedish NtM

The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) is the co-ordinator for NAVTEX broadcasts of meteorological information within the Baltic Sea area.

The Baltic Sea Sub-area is covered by four NAVTEX-stations. Three of these stations are situated in Sweden and operated by Stockholm Radio. The NAVTEX station in Estonia is operated by Tallinn Radio. All messages are passed through BALTICO (SMA) for numbering, formatting etc, before broadcasting. See map of service areas and statistics on following pages.

**3. COMMENTS:**

a) The B<sub>1</sub> character of Grimeton NAVTEX station (Danish and Swedish waters) was changed from 'D' to 'T' on 1 December 2004. For more details see the report of the Navtex Co-ordinating panel (2005/3/09).

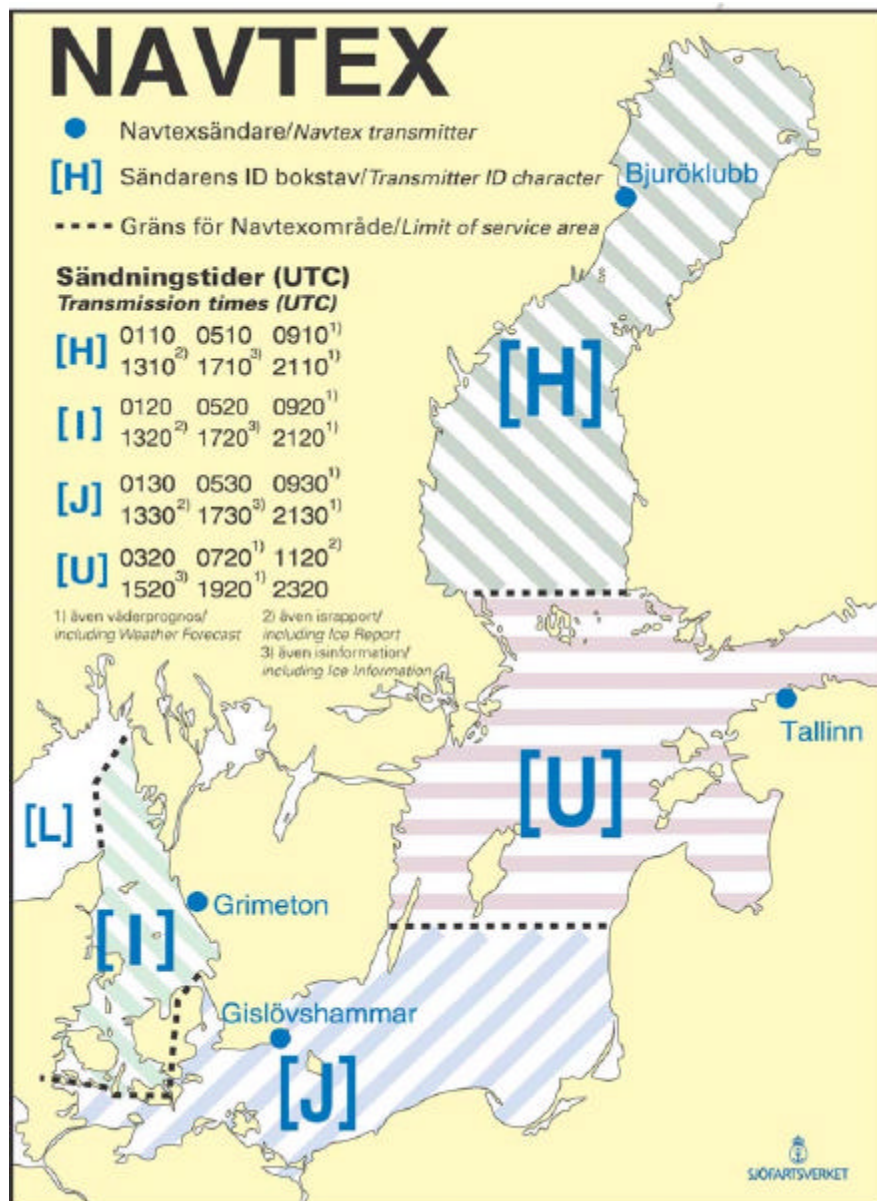
b) The Maritime Administration of Latvia (LHD) has started to publish NAVTEX messages on the LHD homepage (<http://www.navtex.lv/index.php>). The page is showing messages that have been received by a Navtex receiver in Latvia. Each individual reception of a message is shown, with indication of the time of reception. The system is primarily intended for the use of fishermen and yachtsmen but is also usable for monitoring the quality of Navtex broadcasts and is hence much appreciated by the Baltic Sea Sub-area Co-ordinator.

c) A database for NtM has been in operation at SMA since 2003. The database is updated daily and parts of its contents is available on the SMA homepage ([www.sjofartsverket.se](http://www.sjofartsverket.se)). The weekly NtM-booklet is produced by the same system. The contents (notices) of the database are both in Swedish and English language but at present only the Swedish text is visible on the Internet. From the autumn 2005 also the English text will be shown.

Before summer 2006 the NtM-system will be further developed to include the handling of MSI including transmission of Navtex.

**4. RECOMMENDATIONS:** To be noted by the Commission

## Annex 1



## Annex 2

### Statistics for Baltic Sea Sub-area

Originating nation	Number of warnings received at BALTICO	Number of warnings transmitted on NAVTEX	% of received warnings transmitted on Navtex
<b>2002</b>			
Sweden	461	119	26
Finland	41	36	88
Russia, Petersburg	21	17	81
Russia, Kaliningrad	100	99	99
Estonia	39	24	62
Latvia	15	12	80
Lithuania	40	19	48
Poland	99	97	98
Germany	109	100	92
Denmark	324	126	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2003</b>			
Sweden	403	94	23
Finland	53	44	83
Russia, Petersb.	18	11	61
Russia, Kaliningr.	89	85	96
Estonia	33	25	76
Latvia	20	19	95
Lithuania	42	26	62
Poland	87	82	94
Germany	63	55	87
Denmark	284	126	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2004</b>			
Sweden	413	113	27
Finland	34	31	91
Russia, Petersb.	19	15	79
Russia, Kaliningr.	82	82	100
Estonia	19	17	89
Latvia	32	31	97
Lithuania	53	29	55
Poland	70	62	89
Germany	89	82	92
Denmark	265	134	51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>55</b>