

In-force Bulletins

Submitted by NAVAREA I Co-ordinator

SUMMARY

Executive Summary: This paper provides the WWNWS-SC with an overview of the inconsistent procedures still in place amongst NAVAREA Co-ordinators in respect to In-force Bulletins.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 5

Related documents: IMO Res A.706(17) and Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information

Introduction

1. WWNWS3 placed an action item on the Document review WG to consider the inclusion of suitable text in the WWNWS documentation to provide guidance on how NAVAREA Co-ordinators provide information on “In Force” messages.

Discussion

2. Significant progress has been noted over the past few years in respect to In-force Bulletins, not least the issue of how to provide mariners with information on how to obtain the full text of those NAVAREA Warnings which are no longer being transmitted after 6 weeks (WWNWS3/4/2B refers). Nonetheless, some NAVAREA Co-ordinators have still failed to grasp the concept that these In-force Bulletins should be part of their numbered series of NAVAREA Warnings and should remain in force for 1 week, until cancelled by the next bulletin, unless there are “No Warnings in force”, which is catered for by a separate message.
3. It may be helpful to begin by reminding ourselves of the relevant extracts from the related documents referenced above:

A.706(17)

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 For the purposes of the WWNWS, the following definitions apply:

.4 *In force bulletin* means a list of serial numbers of those NAVAREA, Sub-Area or coastal warnings in force issued and broadcast by the NAVAREA coordinator, Sub-Area coordinator or National coordinator during at least the previous six weeks.

.15 NAVAREA *warning* means a navigational warning or In-force Bulletin promulgated as part of a numbered series by a NAVAREA coordinator.

6.2 NAVAREA coordinator responsibilities

6.2.1 The NAVAREA coordinator must:

.7 ensure that NAVAREA warnings which may remain in force for more than six weeks are made available immediately to NAVAREA coordinators, other authorities and mariners in general, as appropriate;

.9 broadcast In-force Bulletins not less than once per week at a regularly scheduled time;

4. The following examples in Annex A of this paper highlight the differing interpretations amongst NAVAREA Co-ordinators to the guidance contained in paragraph 3 above. These examples have been produced using only the information available on the individual web sites of each NAVAREA Co-ordinator and it is therefore conceded that it is possible that some In-force Bulletins may be broadcast on SafetyNET but not reproduced in the internet.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to:
 - a. Instruct the Document review WG to prepare further explanatory notes for inclusion in the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information, in Chapter 7, section BULLETINS.
 - b. Remind all NAVAREA Co-ordinators of the importance to strive for consistency in the interpretations of the guidance documents and recommend that as a minimum, the following points are considered in respect to In-force Bulletins:
 - i. They should be part of the numbered NAVAREA Warning series, and be issued via SafetyNET as an individual numbered message which remains in force for one week,
 - ii. Each bulletin should include the DTG of when it was prepared,
 - iii. It is recommended to list ALL messages still in force, not just those issued within the past 6 weeks,
 - iv. It is recommended to include details of where mariners can obtain copies of those messages which remain in force, but are no longer being broadcast, as they are more than 6 weeks old.

ANNEX A

NAVAREA I

NAVAREA I

216/12

101000 UTC Aug 12

1. NAVAREA I WARNINGS IN FORCE AT 101000 UTC AUG 12:

2010 SERIES: 317.

2011 SERIES: 203 303.

2012 SERIES: 044 048 125 130 168 171 173 177 179 181 184 185 192 195 197 206 210 211 212 213 214 215 216.

NOTES:

A. Texts of NAVAREA I Warnings issued each week are printed in weekly editions of Admiralty Notices to Mariners.

B. NAVAREA I Warnings less than 42 days old (168/12 onward) are promulgated via SafetyNET and/or relevant NAVTEX transmitters.

C. The complete texts of all in-force NAVAREA I warnings, including those which are no longer being broadcast, are available from the UKHO website at: www.ukho.gov.uk/RNW.

Alternatively, these may be requested by e-mail from NAVAREA I Co-ordinator at: nawarnings@btconnect.com.

2. Cancel NAVAREA I 207/12.

ALL Warnings in force listed

Includes details of where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

With effect from Wk 39/12, NAVAREA I will begin to reprint the entire text of all warnings in force at quarterly intervals in Admiralty Notice to Mariners.

NAVAREA II

NAVAREA TWO 267/12

NAVAREA TWO IN FORCE AT 13 AUG 12

2012 : 025 - 027 - 080 - 089 - 158 - 167 - 206 - 228 - 230 - 263 - 265 - 267

1. ONLY THOSE LESS THAN 42 DAYS OLD ARE DAILY BROADCASTED ON SAFETY NET AT 04H30 AND 16H30 UTC

2. ALL NAVAREA II WARNINGS IN FORCE ARE AVAILABLE ON WWW.SHOM.FR

3. NAVAREA II ARE ALSO PRINTED IN WEEKLY EDITIONS OF NOTICES TO MARINERS (SECTION 1.2).

ALL Warnings in force listed

Includes details of where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

NAVAREA III

NAVAREA III preview 323/2012

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS

NAVAREA III Warnings in force on 13th AUG12 at 0600 UTC.

2011: 265, 329, 392, 445, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525.

2012: 167, 182, 228, 280, 286, 306, 309, 314, 318, 320, 321, 322, 323.

1.- Only those less than 42 days old are daily broadcasted on SafetyNET at 1200 UTC and 2400 UTC.

2.- All NAVAREA III warnings in force are available on the website www.armada.mde.es/ihm/.

3.- New NAVAREA III warnings are also printed in the weekly edition of Spanish Notices to Mariners (section 5).

4.- Cancel NAVAREA III 317/12.

5.- Cancel this message on 202359 UTC AUG12.

ALL Warnings in force listed

Includes details of where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

NAVAREA IV

NAVAREA IV 437/2012 (GEN)

1. NAVAREA IV WARNINGS IN FORCE 110900Z AUG 12. ONLY THOSE WARNINGS ISSUED DURING THE LAST SIX WEEKS ARE LISTED HEREIN. 2012 SERIES: 416(24), 427(24), 432(GEN), 436(GEN).
2. THE SUMMARY OF ALL NAVAREA IV WARNINGS IN FORCE AS OF 22 DEC 2011 IS GIVEN IN SEC III OF NM 53/11. WARNINGS ISSUED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT QUARTERS ARE SUMMARIZED IN NM 13/12 AND 26/12.
3. CANCEL NAVAREA IV 423/12.

Shows only those warnings issued within previous 6 weeks.

Includes details of where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained, although there is a potential gap for vessels coming into the area between last quarterly re-print on board and last 6 weeks.

Full text of all warnings in force are reproduced on the comprehensive web site, but no reference to web site is included in the In-force Bulletin.

NAVAREA V

All warnings in force are reproduced on the web site, but no In-force Bulletin with a list of serial numbers of warnings in force is promulgated as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

Web site is very comprehensive.

NAVAREA VI

Navarea VI

Navarea radionavigational warnings which are in force to date are in herein included

Updated on : 20/08/12

** Navarea warning 0119 17/08/12 **

NAVAREA VI 119/12

NO NAVAREA VI WARNINGS IN FORCE.

The full text of all warnings in force are broadcast on SafetyNET at each routine broadcast time and also posted on the web site, but no In-force Bulletin with a list of serial numbers of warnings in force is promulgated as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

A no warnings in force message is issued when necessary.

Web site is very comprehensive

NAVAREA VII

NAVAREA VII 184 OF 2012: (10 AUG 2012)

1. MESSAGES IN FORCE AT 0835 UTC 13 AUG 12
2. NAVAREA VII MESSAGES IN FORCE = 082, 110, 136, 157, 158, 163, 169, 171, 172, 175, 179 OF 2012
3. MESSAGES RE-ISSUED AS NOTICES TO MARINERS = NIL
4. MESSAGES ISSUED THIS WEEK = 183, 184 OF 2012
5. MESSAGES CANCELLED THIS WEEK = 183, 184 OF 2012
6. CANCEL THIS MESSAGE

ALL Warnings in force listed.

No reference as to where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

The In-force Bulletin appears to be self cancelling, which means that vessels not in the region at the time of issue will not receive the Bulletin.

NAVAREA VIII

NAVAREA VIII-MESSAGES IN FORCE AS ON 101002 UTC AUG 12

2011 SERIES: - 442 596 708

2012 SERIES: - 037 289 315 343 346 355 361 365 367 369 370 373 379 380
381 382 383 385 387 388 391 393

(A) NAVAREA VIII WARNINGS LESS THAN 42 DAYS OLD (343/12 ONWARD) ARE PROMULGATED VIA SAFETYNET

(B) TEXT OF NAVAREA VIII WARNINGS INFORCE INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE NO LONGER BEING BROADCAST ARE AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE WWW.HYDROBHARAT.NIC.IN

(C) TEXTS OF NAVAREA VIII WARNINGS ARE ALSO PRINTED IN SECTION V OF FORTNIGHTLY EDITIONS OF INDIAN NOTICES TO MARINERS

2. CANCEL THIS MSG 171002 UTC AUG 12

101002 Z / AUG

ALL Warnings in force listed, however, the In-force Bulletin does not have a number as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

Includes details of where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

NAVAREA IX

No In-force Bulletin with a list of serial numbers of warnings in force is promulgated as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

Full text of all warnings in force is posted on the web site. Web site is very comprehensive, but it could be significantly improved if all the messages could be viewed without having to open one at a time.

NAVAREA X

No In-force Bulletin with a list of serial numbers of warnings in force is promulgated as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

Full text of all warnings in force is posted on the web site.

Web site is very comprehensive.

NAVAREA XI

NO.12-0539 Date:2012/08/11 12 UTC

NAVAREA XI WARNING MESSAGES IN FORCE
111200Z AUG. ONLY THOSE MESSAGES ISSUED
DURING LAST SIX WEEKS ARE LISTED HEREIN.
0438 0440 0455 0456 0468 0472 0477 0487
0488 0489 0492 0499 0500 0501 0502 0503
0504 0505 0510 0512 0513 0514 0519 0520
0522 0526 0531 0532 0533 0534 0535
0536/12.
CANCEL 0527/12.

Shows only those warnings issued within previous 6 weeks.

Full text of all warnings in force are reproduced on the very comprehensive web site, but no reference to web site is included in the In-force Bulletin.

NAVAREA XII

NAVAREA XII 216/2012 (GEN)

1. NAVAREA XII WARNINGS IN FORCE 110900Z AUG 12. ONLY THOSE WARNINGS ISSUED DURING THE LAST SIX WEEKS ARE LISTED HEREIN. 2012 SERIES: 181(21), 198(18), 200(17), 205(GEN), 212(21), 213(GEN) .
2. THE SUMMARY OF ALL NAVAREA XII WARNINGS IN FORCE AS OF 22 DEC 2011 IS GIVEN IN SEC III OF NM 53/11. WARNINGS ISSUED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT QUARTERS ARE SUMMARIZED IN NM 13/12 AND 26/12.
3. CANCEL NAVAREA XII 182/12, 203/12.

Shows only those warnings issued within previous 6 weeks.

Includes details of where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained, although there is a potential of a gap for vessels coming into the area between last quarterly re-print on board and last 6 weeks.

Full text of all warnings in force are reproduced on the very comprehensive web site, but no reference to web site is included in the In-force Bulletin.

NAVAREA XIII

NAVAREA WARNINGS IN FORCE 0000 UTC 12.08.2012

NAVAREA XIII

2012 - 26, 45, 48, 56, 58, 59

In force list of numbers is reproduced in the Weekly NM only.

No web site yet.

Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET.

No advice on how to get the text of messages in force which are no longer being broadcast.

NAVAREA XIV

NAVAREA XIV WARNINGS IN FORCE

FM NAVAREA XIV COORDINATOR 200900UTC AUG 12

NAVAREA XIV 070/12

1. NAVAREA XIV WARNINGS IN FORCE AT 200900 UTC AUG 12:
069, 066 OF 2012.

2. TEXTS OF NAVAREA XIV MESSAGES ARE PRINTED IN
FORTNIGHTLY EDITIONS OF NEW ZEALAND NOTICES TO MARINERS.

3. CANCEL THIS MESSAGE ON RECEIPT.

ALL Warnings in force listed.

No reference as to where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained – unless they are continuously printed in the Notices to Mariners?

The In-force Bulletin appears to be self cancelling, which means that vessels not in the region at the time of issue will not receive the Bulletin.

A no warnings in force message is issued when necessary.

Web site is very comprehensive.

NAVAREA XV

NAVAREA XV - SAFETYNET

DATE: AUG/13/12

A.- MESSAGES IN FORCE:

YEAR 2012: 0001 - 0054 - 0111 - 0115 - 0116 - 0117 - 0118 - 0119.

YEAR 2011: 0056 - 0167 - 0186.

ALL Warnings in force listed, however, the In-force Bulletin does not have a number as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

No reference as to where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET.

Web site is very comprehensive.

NAVAREA XVI

Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET, but no In-force Bulletin appears on the web site.

NAVAREA XVII



The screenshot shows the Canadian Coast Guard website header with the 50th anniversary logo (1962-2012) and the text 'Canadian Coast Guard www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca'. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'Français', 'Home', 'Contact Us', 'Help', 'Search', and 'canada.gc.ca'. The main content area is titled 'List of In-Force NAVAREA Messages' and lists message numbers for Year 2012 (71, 68, 67, 65, 57, 6, 4) and Year 2011 (112, 79, 30, 29, 27, 26, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18). A 'Back to search form' link is visible. At the bottom, there is a 'Date Modified: 2012-02-07' and links for 'Top of page' and 'Important Notices'.

A list of messages in force is included on the web site, however, the In-force Bulletin does not have a number as part of the numbered series of NAVAREA messages.

No DTG included for In-force Bulletin, and could be improved by adding which NAVAREA the list refers to (XVII or XVIII)

Full text of all warning printed on very comprehensive web site. Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET

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NAVAREA XIX

NAVAREA XIX 92/12

- 1. NAVAREA XIX MESSAGES IN FORCE AT 101830 UTC AUG 12
2012 SERIES: 22/12, , 80/12, 88/12, 90/12, 91/12**
- 2. CANCEL NAVAREA XIX 86/12**

ALL Warnings in force listed.

No reference as to where text of warnings no longer being broadcast can be obtained.

Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET.

Web site is very comprehensive.

NAVAREA XX

NAVAREA 61

- 1. NAVAREA 20 IN FORCE AT 050000 UTC AUG 12
2011: 84
2012: 3 60 61**
- 2. CANCEL 59/12 AND THIS PARA**

In force list of numbers is reproduced in the Weekly NM only.

No web site yet.

Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET.

No advice on how to get the text of messages in force which are no longer being broadcast.

NAVAREA XXI

NAVAREA 36

- 1. NAVAREA 21 IN FORCE AT 050000 UTC AUG 12
2012: 36**
- 2. CANCEL 35/12 AND THIS PARA**

In force list of numbers is reproduced in the Weekly NM only.

No web site yet.

Unable to verify what is being transmitted via SafetyNET.

No advice on how to get the text of messages in force which are no longer being broadcast.