

## **Introduction of new routing measures in the Baltic Sea**

Increasing shipping traffic in the area S of Bornholm and along the Polish coast demands to take measures in order to enhance the safety of navigation and the protection of the marine environment. The shallow banks present a great risk if grounding and consequently pollution of a sensible environment.

Germany and Poland submitted at 54th NAV Sub-committee session a document informing about planned new routing measures in the S part of the Baltic Sea. The NAV Sub-committee invited Poland and Germany to submit such routing measures to NAV 55 Sub-committee.

The new routing measures " TSS Adlergrund" and "TSS Slupska Bank" coming into force end 2010 are the result of a joint evaluation between Germany and Poland and were subject to consultations with all interested Baltic States and European Commission in the framework of HELCOM during proceeding of its Expert Working Group on Transit Routing.

The new routing measures are designed and commonly aligned to match the existing patterns of traffic flow as close as possible. Their establishing will not increase the distance to be traversed by ships. The TSSs use the maximum of available depth of water. The new TSSs will not increase the Greenhouse Gas, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

The Conference is invited to take note of the information.