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NAVTEX – Revised NAVTEX Manual

As of May IMO announces by the enclosed MSC.1/Circ.1403 that the approval of an updated version of the NAVTEX manual will come into force by January 2013.

From the IMO web pages you are advised that :

- IMO/WMO Worldwide Met-ocean Information and Warning Service guidance, and
- revised NAVTEX manual

have been agreed.

Furthermore, IMO advises that

This will ensure consistency with other components of maritime safety information and meet the requirements of SOLAS regulation V/5.4, which requires that

“forecasts, warnings, synoptic and other meteorological data intended for ships shall be issued and disseminated by the national meteorological service in the best position to serve various coastal and high seas areas, in accordance with mutual arrangements made by Contracting Governments, in particular as defined by the World Meteorological Organization’s System for the Preparation and Dissemination of Meteorological Forecasts and Warnings for the High Seas under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)”.

The enclosed MSC.1/Circ.1403 supersedes documents COMSAR/Circ.7, COMSAR/Circ.28 and COMSAR/Circ.34, and replaces the existing text of the NAVTEX Manual.

Companies’ navigation officers and responsible personnel are invited to study the enclosed circular with a view to

- reviewing NAVTEX information,
- early preparations for updating routines, incl. best practice (see p. 30 of the enclosed).

Attachment:

[IMO MSC.1/Circ 1403](#)

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