

MSI Self Assessment - NAVAREA III - CPRNW8-3-2 Navarea III

Submitted by: Spain

1. **Action Required:** None, submitted for information only.

2. **Background:** Within NAVAREA III the WNWNS is a complicated subject. In this relatively small area but with the largest amount of States compared with any other NAVAREA, many other reasons apart from those purely technical get in the way while trying to establish a coordinated system in which the most important issue should be to cover the whole area without local interferences.

A great effort has been made in the last months by the NAVTEX Co-ordinating Panel and by NAVAREA III Co-ordinator trying to solve existing problems regarding limits of service areas or the establishment of new NAVTEX Stations both for transmission in 518 Khz or 490 Khz.

A meeting celebrated last January at the IHB in Monaco was necessary in order to look for a solution to the main problems related with service areas and the implementation of new stations. The result of that meeting was a plan affecting Western Mediterranean that, acting in a co-ordinated way will satisfy all the affected MS. This plan is described in more detail in paragraph 5.

3. **Comments:** The following table shows the number of SafetyNet navigational warning messages that were promulgated during the last three years and NAVTEX messages promulgated during the last year.

NAVAREA III	2003	2004	2005
SAFETY NET	883	722	724
NAVTEX			1887

4. **NAVTEX Coverage:** see attached diagram.

5. **Operational Issues:**

As a result of the meeting celebrated in Monaco, these are the most important issues to be accomplished during the next months:

New stations in Algeria (Algiers) and Tunisia (Cape Bon region).

New sites for three Italian stations (Calabria, La Maddalena and Pessaro) instead of the current four stations still operational.

Co-ordinated service areas for these stations as well as for adjacent existing stations was established.

The new Algerian station is already in service (August 2006).

Allocations of B1 characters for both International and National services have been made on a provisional basis, subject to final agreement and implementation of the plan.

The new Tunisian Station will become operational after Italy accomplishes the construction of their three new stations and leaves one B1 Character available as well as its time slot, because that character will be assigned to Tunisia.

Algeria has received Character B and with this assignation no more letters will be available in the NAVAREA III region.

Lybia was invited to establish a new station in their territory, filling the gap between Malta and Iraklion stations. No answer has been received yet, but if a new station is assigned to Lybia, some B1 character will be used twice, probably character A.

Syria has shown intentions to establish new radio equipment in their station at Lattakia but without clarifying if their intentions are to provide National or International NAVTEX service and also without fulfilling at all the procedures for establishing new Navtex services. NAVTEX Panel has already communicated to Syrian authorities that new International NAVTEX stations are not necessary in that region although National NAVTEX service is always welcomed if it is implemented according to procedures. This Co-ordinator completely supports that point of view.

Ukraine also informed during last July that they have started transmissions in 490 KHz by Odesa and Kerch stations, using the time slots they considered most appropriated.

NAVTEX Panel communicated to the Ukrainian authorities in which way the assignment of B1 characters and time slots will be given to those stations, trying to fulfill the plan agreed on in January and trying to avoid that a particular country uses characters or time slots without been assigned by the Panel.

6. **Capacity Building:** nothing to report.
7. **Other Activities:** nothing to report.
8. **NAVAREA Contact Info:** (include complete address with website, if any)

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1. **9. Recommendations:** the Commission is invited to note this report
2. **10. Actions required:** none