

NAVAREA XIII Co-ordinator Assessment
on the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service
Submitted by Russia

1. **Action required:** None, for information only
2. **Background:** None
3. **Comments:**

1. The present situation regarding to the promulgation of navigational warnings for NAVAREA XIII is as follows:

a. NAVTEX

Russia operates NAVTEX stations in Vladivostok, Kholmsk, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, Magadan and Okhotsk. Beringovskiy NAVTEX station is planning to enter into force.

b. SafetyNet

Texts of NAVAREA XIII and coastal warnings for the areas that are not yet covered by NAVTEX transmissions are forwarded to the LES in Eik (Norway) to be promulgated via INMARSAT POR satellite.

Both NAVTEX and SafetyNet existing shore facilities for transmission of navigational warnings comply with the GMDSS requirements.

2. The present situation regarding to the promulgation of navigational warnings originated by Russian authorities for the Arctic waters of the Russia coasts, for the Baltic, Black and Caspian seas is as follows:

a. NAVTEX

Russia operates NAVTEX stations in Novorossiysk (NE part of Black Sea), within NAVAREA III. Outside the limits of WWNWS Russia operates NAVTEX stations in Astrakhan' (Caspian Sea), Murmansk (Barents Sea), Archangelsk (White Sea) and in Tiksi (Northern Sea Route).

Texts of warnings on the regions of coastal waters of Russia in the Baltic Sea are forwarded to the Baltic Sea Sub-Area Co-ordinator (Sweden) of NAVAREA I to be promulgated via Swedish (Gislovshammar) and Estonian (Tallinn) NAVTEX stations.

b. SafetyNet

The Russian Federation ensures broadcasts of coastal warnings for the coastal Arctic waters of Russia for the last years via LES in Nudol (Russia) and Eik (Norway).

Both NAVTEX and SafetyNet existing shore facilities for transmission of navigational warnings comply with the GMDSS requirements.

3. *Recommendations:*

a. WWNWS expansion into the Arctic waters

In accordance with Russian legislation, the responsibility to adjust the organization of NAV/MET information broadcasts in the Arctic seas along the northern coast of Russia was entrusted on the Federal State Unitary Hydrographic Department, in this connection the

Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation authorized this Department to participate in the IMO/IHO/WMO Correspondence Group formed by the International SafetyNet Service according to paragraph 3.23 of the document COMSAR 10/16.

The Federal State Unitary Hydrographic Department of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation has submitted for consideration of the participants of the 7th meeting of the Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) a proposal on the establishment of the two new NAVAREAs in the Arctic waters (CPRNW 2005/3/11). It has been submitted for consideration of the 80th session of IMO Maritime Safety Committee as a document MSC 80/13/2.

We advise you the NAVAREA XIII Co-ordinator assessment on the WWNWS expansion into on the Arctic waters:

The Russian Federation doesn't object against changing NAVAREAs numbers in the Arctic waters in accordance with the scheme of the Arctic NAVAREAs proposed for the 7th session of IHO Committee. However, the limits of NAVAREA XX and XXI should be brought into conformity with the Russian Federation Note (COMSAR 10/3) with amendments of the west limit of NAVAREA XX as follows:

It would be advantageous to move the section of the limit between the parallels 74°N and 81°N eastwards to the meridian 35°E according to the International Treaty dated 9 February 1920 on the Norway Sovereignty over Svalbard archipelago. Then NAVAREA XX limit should follow from the point of intersection with the limit of the Russian Federation territorial sea along this limit to the west up to the Russian Federation/Norway frontier.

Establishment of the sub-areas instead of the new NAVAREAs is unaffected, as far as it will cause duplication of Arctic sea navigational and meteorological information in non-arctic NAVAREAs.

b. WWNWS expansion into the Caspian Sea, Great Lakes and Inner Waterways

The Russian Federation agrees with the efficiency of the consideration of the matter concerning WWNWS expansion into the above regions.

As concerns the region of the Caspian Sea, the Russian Federation considers that the area should not be a sub-area of any existing NAVAREA (i.e. NAVAREA III or NAVAREA XIII), but it should be a certain new NAVAREA (i.e. NAVAREA XXII, if the arctic NAVAREAs will be established as NAVAREAs XVII-XXI).

A principle of establishing a new NAVAREA and Co-ordinator assignment should be agreed with the Caspian region states. It is connected with joint usage of facilities or readiness to promulgate information allocated by the other state, as well as preliminary discussions on the matter of co-ordinating.

The Russian Federation is ready to the further fruitful cooperation on this matter.

4. Comments on WWNWS functioning:

In connection with a large volume of information from the national Co-ordinators in the Mediterranean/Black Sea region that complicates the function of NAVAREA III Co-ordinator, it would be more advantageous to place for consideration the matter on assignment of sub-area Co-ordinator in NAVAREA III (i.e. in Black Sea or Black and Aegean Seas) after the example of the activity of Sweden as Co-ordinator of Baltic sub-area in NAVAREA I.

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