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TO : All Shipping Agents, Owners, and Operators

SUBJECT: Speed Restriction in Traffic Separation Scheme on the Pacific Approach to the Panama Canal

This advisory to shipping serves as a reminder of the recommendation by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) regarding navigation within the traffic separation scheme in the Gulf of Panama, on the Pacific Approach to the Panama Canal, which states that:

“In order to help reduce the risk of lethal strikes with cetaceans, it is recommended that, as far as it is safe and practical to do so, ships should proceed at a speed of not more than 10 knots from August 1 to November 30 every year.

This recommendation applies to both lanes of the Traffic Separation Scheme in the Gulf of Panama, north of latitude 08°00'.00 N”.

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