



**Department of Communications, Marine and Natural  
Resources**  
**Marine Notice No. 18 of 2005**

*Notice To all Shipowners, Ship Agents, Shipmasters, Harbour Masters and Seafarers*

**Establishment of a Mandatory Ship Reporting System for the  
Western European Particularly Sensitive Sea Area**

Certain Western European waters have been designated a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) following an application by Belgium, France, Spain, Ireland, Portugal and the United Kingdom. The limit of the PSSA coincides with the 15 degree west meridian, the Porcupine Bank, and includes parts of the Special Area of North West Europe (established under the provisions of Annex 1, MARPOL 73/78), the English Channel and coastal waters (excluding the Irish Sea), and certain parts of Pollution Response Areas and Exclusive Economic Zones along Spanish, French and Portuguese coasts - see Appendices 1 and 2 attached.

In order to initiate action in an emergency to enhance safety in - and environmental protection of – the PSSA, IMO has also approved the establishment of a mandatory reporting system for tankers (WETREP) which is to apply with effect from 0000hours UTC on 1 July 2005 to all tankers greater than 600 tonnes deadweight carrying: -

1. heavy crude oil, meaning crude oils with a density at 15° Celsius of higher than 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup> **or**
2. heavy fuel oils, meaning fuel oils with a density at 15° Celsius of higher than 900 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, or a kinematic viscosity at 50° Celsius if higher than 180 mm<sup>2</sup>/s; **or**
3. bitumen and tar and their emulsions.

Ships on voyages to and from the Western European Reporting Area shall send reports:

1. on entry into the Reporting Area; or
2. immediately on departing from a port, terminal or anchorage within the Reporting Area; or
3. when they deviate from routing to their original declared destination port/terminal/anchorage or position “for orders” given at the time of entry into a Reporting Area; or
4. when deviation from planned route is necessary due to weather or equipment malfunction or a change in the navigational status; or
5. when finally exiting from the Reporting Area.

**Note:** Ships need not report if, while on normal passage routeing during transit of the Reporting Area, the boundary of the Reporting Area is crossed on other occasions apart from the initial entry and final exit.

Upon entering the WETREP reporting area, ships will notify (using the reporting format at Appendix 3) the required information to the authority in the nearest coastal state (see Appendix 4) to their entry point.

Reports may be sent by any modern communication form, including Inmarsat C, telefax and e-mail.

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Email: [marine.notices@dcmnr.gov.ie](mailto:marine.notices@dcmnr.gov.ie)  
Or visit us at: [www.dcmnr.ie](http://www.dcmnr.ie)

## Appendices

1. Description of the Reporting Area with Coordinates
2. Chart of the Reporting Area
3. Reporting format.
4. The identification of stations to which reports are to be submitted

## APPENDIX 1

### DESCRIPTION OF THE MANDATORY SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM FOR THE WESTERN EUROPEAN PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA WITH CO-ORDINATES

#### 1 Description of the area

1.1 The area covers the Western coasts of the United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium, France, Spain and Portugal, from the Shetland Islands in the North to Cape S. Vicente in the South, and the English Channel and its approaches, as shown in chartlet in Appendix 2.

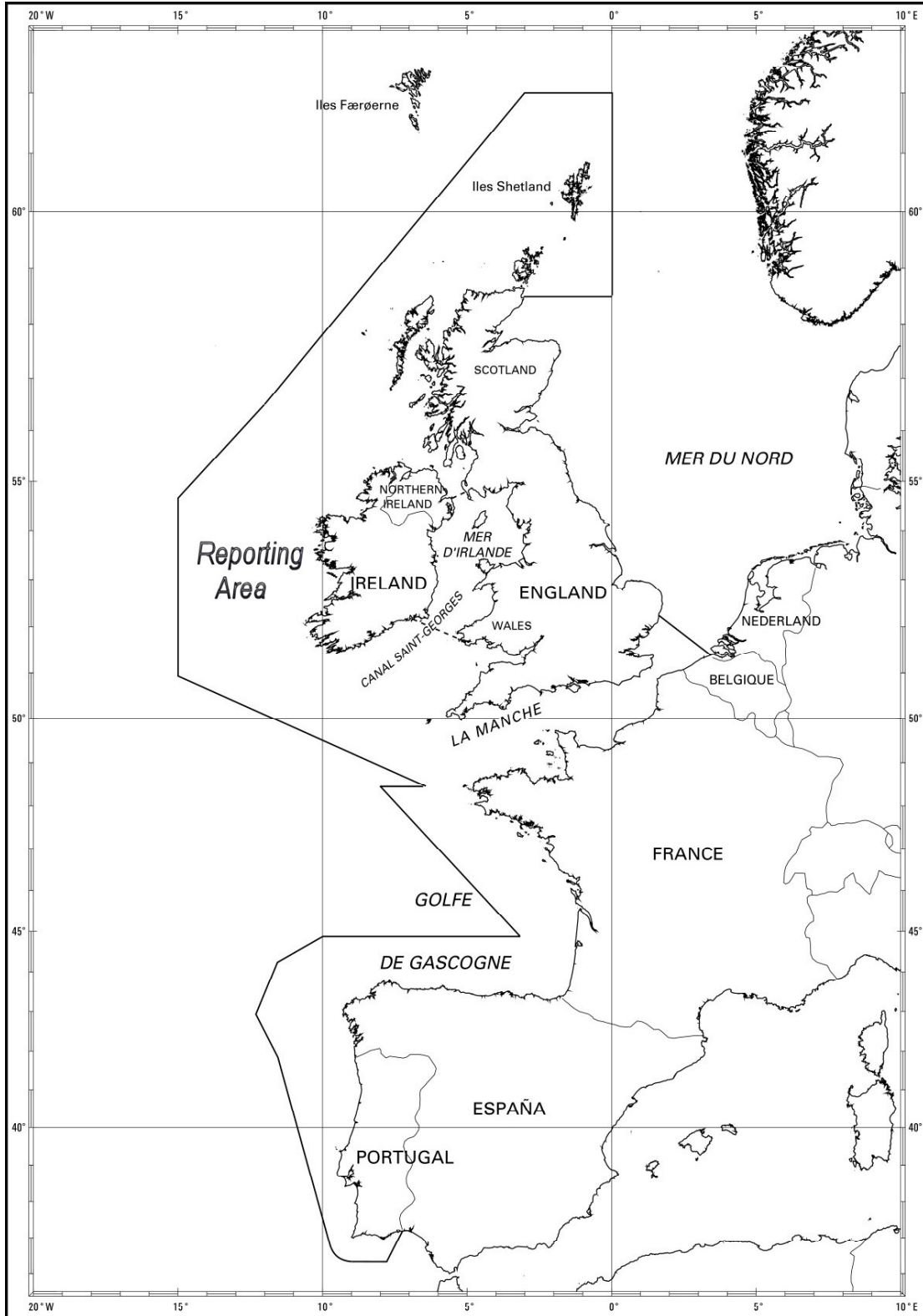
1.2 The PSSA is the area bounded by a line connecting the following geographical co-ordinates (all the co-ordinates are in WGS 84 reference system):

Number	Latitude	Longitude
1 (UK)	58°30'N	UK coast
2 (UK)	58°30'N	000°W
3 (UK)	62°N	000°W
4 (UK)	62°N	003°W
5 (UK+ Irl)	56°30'N	012°W
6 (Irl)	54°40'40.91"N	015°W
7 (Irl)	50°56'45.36"N	015°W
8 (Irl+UK+F)	48°27'N	006°25'W
9 (F)	48°27'N	008°W
10 (F+S)	44°52'N	003°10'W
11 (S)	44°52'N	010°W
12 (S)	44°14'N	011°34'W
13 (S)	42°55'N	012°18'W
14 (S+P)	41°50'N	011°34'W
15(P)	37°N	009°49'W
16 (P)	36°20'N	009°00'W
17(P)	36°20'N	007°47' W
18 (P)	37°10'N	007°25'W
19 (B)	51°22'25"N	003°21'52",5 <sup>E</sup> (border between B and NL)
20 (UK)	52°12'N	UK east coast
21 (IRL)	52°10,3'N	006°21.8' W
22 (UK)	52°01.52'N	005°04.18' W
23 (UK)	54°51.43'N	005°08.47' W
24 (UK)	54°40.39'N	005°34.34' W

1.3 The geographical co-ordinates for the identification of a PSSA are solely for that purpose and must not be interpreted as having any bearing upon issues related with maritime limits and boundaries.

APPENDIX 2

PSSA CHART - WESTERN EUROPEAN WATERS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA



## APPENDIX 3

### Reporting format (consistent with IMO resolution A.851(20))

System identifier: WETREP

Data to be transmitted:

A two-letter abbreviation for the category of the report: SP (sailing plan) 1., FR (final report) 1. or DR (deviation report). 1.

A: Ship identification (ship name, call sign, IMO identification number and MMSI Number) 1. 2. 3.

B: Date time group 1. 2. 3.

C: Position 1. 2. 3.

E: True course 1. 2. 3.

F: Speed 1. 2. 3.

G: Name of last port of call 1.

I: Name of next port of call with ETA 1. 3.

P: Oil cargo type(s), quantity, grade(s) and density (If those tankers carry other hazardous cargo simultaneously: the type, quantity and IMO class of that cargo, as appropriate) 1.

Q: To be used in cases of defects or deficiency affecting normal navigation

T: Address for the communication of cargo information 1.

W: Number of persons on board 1.

X: Various information applicable for those tankers: 1.

- characteristics and estimated quantity of bunker fuel, for tankers carrying more than 5,000 tonnes of bunker fuel

- navigational status (for example, under way with engines, restricted in ability to manoeuvre, etc.)

#### Authority receiving the report

1 Upon entering the WETREP reporting area, ships will notify the coordination centre of the responsible authority of the nearest Coastal State participating in the system. The vessel traffic services, RCC, coastal radio station or others facilities to whom the reports must be sent to are listed in Appendix 4.

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1. Mandatory for SP; 2. Mandatory for FR; 3. Mandatory for DR

2. Should the ship be unable to send the report to the nearest coastal radio station or other facility, the report shall be sent to the next-nearest coastal radio station or other facility as listed in Appendix 4.

### **Communication**

1. Reports may be sent by any modern communication form, including Inmarsat C, telefax and e-mail as appropriate and indicated in Appendix 4.
2. Reports may be sent by GMDSS free of charge through an RCC of one of the countries listed in Appendix 4.
3. Reports sent by voice shall also include the mandatory format fields, including the identifying letter. However, to reduce the number of such reports imposed on ships as a result of other ship reporting systems located within the WETREP reporting area (e.g. Caldovrep, Ouessrep), ships may indicate which of these other ship reporting systems they also intend to pass through during transit of the WETREP reporting area. This indication will result in a consequent reduction in the length and additional information necessary in the reports to other reporting systems within the WETREP reporting area, particularly where AIS is being used ashore for traffic surveillance purposes.
4. *INMARSAT C fitted Ship Earth Stations (SES)* Ships will not be charged for messages sent via INMARSAT C if these procedures are followed: Select Special Access Code (SAC) 45 through MRCC Falmouth LES only; Atlantic Ocean Region-East (102); Atlantic Ocean Region-West (002) or Indian Ocean (302); (*Note: If sent through any other LES, it is likely the message will not be received by WETREP.*)

## APPENDIX 4

**Vessel Traffic Services, RCC, coast radio station or other facilities to which the reports must be submitted** (Geographical positions refer to the WGS 84)

### Position co-ordinates

#### BELGIUM

**MRCC – SAR Oostende:**

51°14'N 02° 55E

Tel: +32 59 70 10 00

Tel.: +32 59 70 11 00

Fax: +32 59 70 36 05

Telex: 82125

VHF: 9, 16, 67, 70

MF: 2182

MMSI: 00 205 99 81

#### FRANCE

**MRCC Gris-Nez:**

50° 52' N 01° 35' E

Tel.: +33 3 21 87 21 87

Fax: +33 3 21 87 78 55

Telex: 130680

Inmarsat-C: 422799256

VHF: 16, 70

MMSI: 002275100

**MRCC Corsen:**

48° 25' N 04° 47' W

Tel.: +33 2 98 89 31 31

Fax: +33 2 98 89 65 75

Telex: 940086

Inmarsat-C: Nil

VHF: 16, 70

MMSI: 002275300

#### IRELAND

**MRCC Dublin**

Tel: +353 1 6620922/23

Fax: +353 1 6620795

E-mail: [mrccdublin@irishcoastguard.ie](mailto:mrccdublin@irishcoastguard.ie)

Communications may be sent to MRCC Dublin via:

**MRSC Valentia (EJK)**

51° 56' N 10° 21' W

**MRSC Malin Head (EJM)**

55° 22' N 07° 21' W

## PORTUGAL

### MRCC Lisbon:

Tel: +351 21 4401950, or  
+351 21 4401919 (for emergency only)  
Fax: +351 21 4401954  
Telex: 60747 P.  
E-mail: [mrcclisboa@netc.pt](mailto:mrcclisboa@netc.pt).

38° 40' N 09° 19' W

## SPAIN

### MRCC Madrid

Tel: +34 91 7559133  
Fax: +34 91 5261440  
Telex: +5241210, +5241224  
E-mail: [cncs@sasemar.es](mailto:cncs@sasemar.es)

40° 24' N 03° 43' W

### MRCC Finisterre:

Tel: +34 981 767500  
Fax: +34 981 767740  
Telex: +5282268, +5286207  
E-mail: [finister@sasemar.es](mailto:finister@sasemar.es)  
VHF: 16 & 11  
MF: 2182

42° 42' N 08° 59' W 002240993

### MRCC Bilbao

Tel: +34 944 839286  
Fax: +34 944 839161  
E-mail: [bilbao@sasemar.es](mailto:bilbao@sasemar.es)  
VHF: 16 & 10

43° 20'.8 N 03° 01' W 002241021

## UNITED KINGDOM

### MRCC Falmouth

Tel: +(0)1326 317575  
Fax: +(0)1326 318342  
Telex: +51 42981  
Inmarsat-A and Inmarsat-C  
e-mail: [falmouthcoastguard@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:falmouthcoastguard@mcga.gov.uk)

Sea Area A2 – MF DSC Coast Stations

### MMSI

MRCC Aberdeen	57° 25' N 01° 51' W	002320004
MRCC Clyde	55° 58' N 04° 48' W	002320022
MRCC Falmouth	50° 08' N 05° 07' W	002320014
MRSC Holyhead	53° 19' N 04° 38' W	002320018
MRSC Humber	54° 05' N 01° 10' W	002320007
Cullercoats	55° 04' N 01° 28' W	(sub-station)
MRSC Milford Haven	51° 41' N 05° 03' W	002320017
MRCC Shetland	60° 09' N 01° 08' W	002320001
MRSC Stornoway	58° 13' N 06° 20' W	002320024