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**INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF  
VOLUNTARY PILOTAGE SERVICES  
IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE**

- 1 Pursuant to paragraph 3 of section II (General provisions) of the amended *Rules for vessels navigating through the Straits of Malacca and Singapore* (SN/Circ.198, annex 1), as adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-ninth session (11 to 20 May 1998), the Secretariat has been informed that voluntary pilotage services have been made available for use.
- 2 The information contained in the annex, concerning the availability of voluntary pilotage services in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, provided by the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, is brought to the attention of all Member States.
- 3 Member States are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.

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## ANNEX

### AVAILABILITY OF VOLUNTARY PILOTAGE SERVICES IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

1 Reference is made to paragraph 3 of section II (General provisions) of the amended *Rules for vessels navigating through the Straits of Malacca and Singapore* (SN/Circ.198, annex 1), which states that:

"All deep draught vessels and VLCCs navigating within the traffic separation schemes are recommended to use the pilotage service of the respective countries when they become available."

2 In September 2016, the 41st session of the Tripartite Technical Expert Group on the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (TTEG 41) adopted Guidelines on voluntary pilotage services in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS), which is accessible from the respective authorities' weblinks as below:

- .1 Indonesia: <http://hubla.dephub.go.id/publikasi/Pages/IMO.aspx>
- .2 Malaysia: <http://www.marine.gov.my/jlmv4/en/content/procedure/vps-soms>
- .3 Singapore: <http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/services/voluntary-pilotage-services-in-the-straits-of-malacca-and-singapore>

3 The three littoral States hereby wish to inform the Organization and the international shipping community that as of 1 January 2019, voluntary pilotage services is available in the SOMS, provided by pilots certified by the respective authorities of the three littoral States in accordance with the above-mentioned Guidelines.

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