MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 09-17

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: DESIGNATION OF JOMARD ENTRANCE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA AS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA

Date: 01 March 2017

The Jomard Entrance in Papua New Guinea has been designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) and vulnerable to damage by international shipping activities by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with the adoption of IMO Resolution MEPC.283(70).

IMO Resolution MEPC.283(70) establishes associated protective measures for the Jomard Entrance, including: 1) four (4), two-way routing systems; and 2) a precautionary area, as summarized below.

- A one (1) nautical mile (nm) wide two-way route to the north of the Jomard Entrance, which extends approximately 20 nm from the northern boundary of the precautionary area.

- Three (3), one (1) nm wide two-way routes to the south of the Jomard Entrance, each aligned with the general traffic pattern to/from ports on the east coast of Australia. The routes extend approximately 3.5 nm from the southern boundary of the precautionary area.

- A quadrilateral-shaped precautionary area that lies between the northern and southern two-way routes. The two-way routes and precautionary area can be used by all ships navigating in the area.

See IMO Resolution MEPC.283(70) for complete information.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.