

**Notice to Skippers**  
**No. 169/ 17.11.2017**

Skippers are informed that as from 5:00 AM, on 18.11.2017 the navigation shall be temporarily closed on Sulina Channel for the seagoing vessels and rivergoing convoys sailing upstream, due to the crossing of the special transport consisting of GERMANIA Tug (Italy flag) positioned ahead - C.N. SHIP – PART 6271 – TIRRENO Tug (Italy flag) positioned in the stern, having the following characteristics:  $L \approx 242,10$  m;  $B = 37,20$  m,  $D = 5,85$  m, chartered by DU SHIPPING & SERVICES S.R.L. The special transport shall be crossing S.N. VARD Tulcea – Sulina Bar sector.

The maritime and rivergoing vessels sailing downstream shall keep a minimum distance of 3 Nm from the special transport and maintain a permanent VHF connection to ensure the safe transit of the transport through Sulina Channel.

The convoy shall be accompanied in the bow, across Nm 43 - Black Sea sector by a boat belonging to RNA – Tulcea Harbour Master's Office and all vessels shall be subject to the provisions passed by it.

When crossing Tulcea bend, the special transport shall be assisted by a tug owned by A.F.D.J. R.A. Galati.

Vessels arriving in Sulina Channel's mouth shall wait in the Black Sea for the exit of the convoy, after which they will have the permission to enter the port of Sulina.

The navigation upstream shall be permitted immediately after the convoy exited the sea.

The tug governing the stern of the hull shall not unbend the ropes until the special transport has passed the landing buoy area.

Rivergoing passenger ships engaged on regular voyages shall be exempt from the provisions of the present NtS. All skippers shall be required to take all necessary measures to ensure that navigation is carried out in a safe manner and that the transit of the special transport is not affected.

Failure to observe the provisions of the present Notice to Skippers entails administrative, disciplinary or penal responsibility, as the case may be.

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