

Notice to Skippers

No. /...06.2023

Skippers are informed that on ...06.2023, the special transport consisting of **PROTUG 75 tug** (Panama flag) positioned in the bow – "**ATLANTE I**" **maritime barge** (Italy flag) loaded with 3 modules of approx. 1500 tons – **FARUL tug** (Romania flag - owner R.A. A.F.D.J. Galati) positioned in the stern, ship agent **IDU SHIPPING & SERVICES**, having the following characteristics: **L≈ 236,82m; B = 36,00 m, D= 5,80 m**, shall transit the **S.N. VARD Tulcea – Sulina Bar** sector, hence the navigation on Sulina Channel shall be temporarily closed as from 00:00 hours for the seagoing vessels and rivergoing convoys sailing upstream.

Maritime vessels bound for upstream Sulina Channel on ...06.2023, before closing the navigation, shall be accepted only if they meet the physical type required to overtake Nm 34 until 23:00 hours, stationing in Sulina Port or anchoring on the channel being forbidden.

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.

When crossing the Tulcea bend, the special transport shall be assisted by **GALAȚI 3** tug (Romania flag - owner R.A. A.F.D.J. Galati) and shall be accompanied in the bow by a boat belonging to RNA – Tulcea Harbour Master's Office.

Upstream navigation reopens as soon as the convoy exits into the sea.

Rivergoing passenger ships engaged on regular voyages and those belonging to the Administration 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 safely and that the transit of the special transport is not affected.

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