

Notice to Skippers
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Skippers are informed that on 15.05.2022, the special transport consisting of **ST ELMO** (Malta flag) positioned in the bow - **C.N. „ SHIP-PART 6304”– FARUL** tug (Romania flag - owner A.F.D.J.-R.A. Galati.) positioned in the stern, chartered by **IDU SHIPPING & SERVICES**, having the following characteristics: **L≈ 220,07m; B = 38,00 m, D= 5,85 m**, shall transit **S.N. VARD Tulcea –Sulina Bar sector**, the navigation on Sulina Channel being temporarily closed as from 0000 hours, for the seagoing vessels and rivergoing convoys sailing upstream.

Maritime vessels bound for upstream Sulina Channel on 14.05.2022, before closing the navigation, shall be accepted only if they meet the physical type required to overtake Nm 34 until 2300 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 5 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 a tug.

On the entire Nm 40 – Black Sea sector the convoy shall accompanied in the bow by a boat belonging to RNA – Tulcea Harbour Master’s Office. All vessels shall be subject to the provisions passed by the RNA representatives on the boat.

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

The navigation upstream shall be permitted immediately after the convoy exited 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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