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INFORMATION ON THE GEORGIAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM (GEOREP)

- 1 At the request of the Government of the Republic of Georgia, the attached information on the mandatory Georgian Ship Reporting System (GEOREP) is brought to the attention of Member Governments.
- 2 Member Governments are requested to bring the attached information to the attention of shipowners and masters of their ships and to encourage their participation in the system.
- 3 This circular revokes SN/Circ.178.

GEOREP
(GEORGIAN SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASTERS

1 INTRODUCTION

Georgian Ships Reporting System –“GEOREP” was established on 01.04.96 (IMO Circular SN/Circ. 178, 13.03.1996) in accordance with requirements of International Conventions SOLAS-74/78, MARPOL-73/78, SAR-79, OPRC-90 and IMO resolution A.851(20).

Newly updated in accordance with Georgian Laws on “Maritime Areas-1998”, on “Maritime Rescue Service-2000”, “Maritime Code of Georgia-1997/2000” and “Port Regulations in Georgia-2002” and will have become mandatory and free of charge since 01.03.2003.

GEOREP is operated by “MRCC-Georgia”, which subordinates to Maritime Transport Administration of Georgia.

MRCC Duty Co-ordinator is responsible for monitoring reports and if necessary informs the appropriate authorities – Ministry of Environment, Coast Guard, etc. For non-compliance of the present regulations a shipmaster can be subjected to fines in accordance with Administrative Law of Georgia.

All ships of any nationality, tonnage or type are welcome to participate as long as it is within service area of GEOREP.

2 PURPOSE

GEOREP serves to identify and monitor the positions of vessels, which participate in the area covered by the system. To achieve this vessels within the coverage area provide regular reports. This information is used to maintain a chart plot of the vessels' positions. GEOREP is to aid search and rescue operations in that it:

- (a) Reduces the time between the loss of a vessel and initiation of search and rescue action in cases where no distress signals are sent out;
- (b) Limits the search area for rescue operations; and
- (c) Provides up-to-date information on shipping resources available in the vicinity of a casualty.

3 GEORGRAPHICAL AREA OF COVERAGE

Co-ordinates bound the area of coverage of GEOREP:

	Lat.	Long		Lat.	Long
A	43° 23'.00 N	040° 00'.50 E	E	42° 02'.00 N	040° 26'.00 E
B	42° 24'.00 N	038° 41'.00 E	F	41° 57'.00 N	040° 42'.00 E
C	42° 20'.15 N	039° 00'.13 E	G	41° 35'.50 N	041° 16'.50 E
D	42° 08'.00 N	039° 50'.50 E	H	41° 31'.00 N	041° 33'.00 E

4 TYPES OF REPORTS

Vessels participating in GEOREP are required to send the following four types of reports. All reports are to be preceded by GEOREP and coded using the format given in paragraph 5.

4.1 SAILING PLAN (SP)

A SP is sent within 6 hours prior to a ship's entering the GEOREP area if the vessel is coming from Bosphorus and Northwest ports of Black Sea. If the vessels is coming from ports of Turkey and ports of Russia immediately after the vessel's dispatch from the port on departure. The SP contains information necessary to initiate a plot and give an outline of the intended passage.

4.2 POSITION REPORT (PR)

The PR is sent within 3 hours prior entering Georgian SAR zone. The PR contains information about the ship's position (within GEOREP's coverage area), course and speed at the time of the report to update the plot.

4.3 DEVIATION REPORT (DR)

A DR is sent when the ship's position varies more than 1 hours steaming from the position that would be predicted from the last sailing plan or position report e.g. changing route, speed etc.

4.4 FINAL REPORT (FR)

A FR should be sent on arrival at a destination within GEOREP or when leaving the area covered by the system.

4.5 DANGEROUS GOODS REPORT (DG)

When an incident takes place involving the loss or likely loss overboard of packaged dangerous goods, including those in freight containers, portable tanks, road and rail vehicles and shipborne barges, into the sea.

4.6 HARMFUL SUBSTANCES REPORT (HS)

When an incident takes place involving the discharge or probable discharge of oil (Annex I of MARPOL 73/78) or noxious liquid substances in bulk (Annex II of MARPOL 73/78)

4.7 MARINE POLLUTANTS REPORT (MP)

In the case of loss overboard of harmful substances in package form, including those in freight containers, portable tanks, road and rail vehicles and shipborne barges, identified in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code as marine pollutants (Annex III of MARPOL 73/78)

4.8 ANY OTHER REPORT (AOR)

Any other report should be made in accordance with the system procedures as notified in accordance with paragraph 9 of the General Principles.

5 FORMAT OF REPORTS

All ship reports should be sent in the standard reporting coded format. This format complies with IMO resolution A.851(20). Following table gives all the components of the GEOREP reports.

Telegraphy	Telephone	Function	Information required
Name of system GEOREP	Name of system GEOREP	System identifier	Ship reporting system
SP PR DR FR DG HS MP AOR	State in full	Type of report	Type of report: Sailing plan Position Report Deviation report Final report Dangerous goods report Harmful substances report Marine pollutants report Any Other Report
A	Ship	Ship	Name and call sign, MMSI, flag of the ship.
B	Time	Date and time of event	A 6 digit group event giving day of month and hours and minutes in Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC). If other than UTC, state time zone used.
C	Position	Position	A 5-digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes, decimal, suffixed with N/ and a 6-digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes, decimal, suffixed with E.
D	Position	Position	True bearing (first 3 digits) and distance (state distance) in nautical miles from a clearly identified landmark (state landmark)
E	Course(s)	True course	A 3 digit group
F	Ship's speed	Speed in knots and tenths of knots	A 3 digit group
G	Departure Port	Port of departure	Name of the last port of call. [eg. Marseilles]
H	Entry	Date, time and point of entry into system	Entry date and time expressed as in (B) and entry position expressed as in (C). [e.g. vessel entering GEOREP on 04 Apr at 15 20 UTC in position H 43° 00'.50 N 039° 31'.50 E].
I	Destination & ETA	Destination and expected time of arrival	Name of the destination port and the expected date and time of arrival at the port. Time group expressed as in (B). [e.g. Batumi/Poti/Supsa ETA on 11 Apr at 0500 UTC = Batumi/Poti 110500].
J	Pilot	Pilot	State whether a deep-sea or local pilot is on board
K	ETD from GEOREP.	Date, time and point of exit from system or arrival at the ship's destination	Estimated date, time and position the vessel exits from GEOREP coverage. Date & time expressed as in (B) and exit position expressed as in (C). [e.g. K.42° 09'.00 N 039° 48'.00 E].
L	Route Information	Route Information	Route information in Latitude and Longitude should be given for each way point (WP) in the GEOREP area expressed as in (C). The way points to be numbered as WP1, WP2 etc.
M	Communication	Radiocommunications	State full name of station/ and frequencies guarded. [e.g. radio-telephony (RT), radio-telegraphy (WT), Radio telex, INMARSAT etc]
N	Time of next report.	Time of next report.	Time the next position or deviation report will be sent. Date/time group expressed as in (B).

Telegraphy	Telephone	Function	Information required
O	Draught	Maximum present static draught in metres	Draught in metres and centimetres (e.g. 8.0m = 8.0).
P	Cargo	Cargo on board	A brief indication of cargo carried on board [e.g. . Bulk coal, General, Chemicals etc]. IMDC No. for dangerous cargo.
Q	Defects, damage, deficiency, limitations	Defects /damage/ deficiencies/ other limitations	Brief details of defects, damages or other deficiencies (e.g. radio equipment).
R	Pollution / dangerous goods lost overboard	Description of pollution / dangerous goods lost overboard	Brief details of type of pollution (oil, chemicals etc.) or dangerous goods lost overboard; position expressed as in (C) or (D) (See detailed reporting requirements)
S	Weather	Weather conditions	Brief details of weather and sea conditions prevailing
T	Ship's owner and agent	Ship's representative and / or owner	Name and contract number of the owner and ship's agent who could be contracted for information about the ship's whereabouts and crew details.
U	Size and Type	Ship size and type	Details of length, breadth, tonnage and type, etc., as required
V	Medic	Medical personnel	Doctor, Physician's assistant, nurse, personnel without medical training.
W	Persons	No of POB	State the total number of persons on board. [eg. 28 crew =W.28].
X	Remarks	Miscellaneous	Any other useful information – including , as appropriate, brief description of incident and of other ships involved either in incident, assistance of salvage
Y	Relay	Request to relay report to another system	Content of report
Z	End of report	End of report	No further information required

GEOREP System identifier
GEOREP SP Sailing Plan **GEOREP PR** Position Report
GEOREP DR Deviation report **GEOREP FR** Final report

5.2 The ship reports will normally contain the following groups:

- (a) SAILING PLAN: **GEOREP SP, A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, P, U, V, & W.**
- (b) POSITION REPORT: **GEOREP PR, A, B, C, E, F, & N.**
- (c) DEVIATION REPORT: **GEOREP DR, A, B, C, E, F, L, N, & X.**
- (d) FINAL REPORT: **GEOREP FR, A, B, & C, K.**

5.3 Dangerous Goods Reports (DGR) should contain the following groups:

A, B, C (or D), M, Q, R, S, T, U, X of the standard reporting format

5.4 Harmful Substances Reports (HS) - should contain the following groups:

A, B, C (or D), E, F, L, M, N, Q, R, S, T, U, X of the standard reporting format.

7 OVERDUE SHIPS

If a ship does not report at the indicated time, actions will be taken to check the safety of the ship. To avoid unnecessary search action being initiated, it is important that ships report at the nominated reporting time each day and send their Final Report when leaving the GEOREP area. If a ship is unable to pass a position report due to faulty radio equipment, all attempts should be made to pass through other ships (via VHF) or as soon as it arrives at a port.

8 INQUIRIES ON GEOREP

Any inquiries on GEOREP should be addressed to: Maritime Transport Administration of Georgia.
