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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATION Passage Planning Guide – Malacca & Singapore Straits

Submitted by SIGTTO

Introduction

1. The Society of Gas Tankers and Terminal Operators (SIGTTO) is pleased to announce the revision of the *Passage Planning Guide – Malacca & Singapore Straits* (for ships of less than 12 meters draught). This document is due for early publication and is planned to be available from July 2008.

Passage Planning Guide

2. The revised *Passage Planning Guide* follows extensive distribution of the original publication dated 1998. Since that time fundamental changes apply to the area. The new *Guide* encapsulates these changes and allows for future onboard electronic revision as changes occur. This is an extremely valuable enhancement over the earlier document, which remained fixed in time and space.

3. Publication of the new Guide will be in two forms, as follows: -

- (i) Hard copy
- (ii) Electronic DVD

These are sold as one package.

4. The basic principle of the Guide is to con a ship through the straits, either eastbound or westbound, giving salient information for the each leg of the voyage.

5. The advantage of the new electronic version lies in its functionality allowing for update for company-specific, ship-specific or time-specific differences thus tailoring the hardcopy Passage Plan to a unique document suited to the individual ship for the date and time of transit.

6. The Guide is informed by marine experience form many shipmasters transiting the straits and relies heavily from information coming from this forum.

7. The SIGTTO delegation has an early proof copy for interested delegates to view. Also at <u>http://www.seamanship.com/sigtto/</u> publishers provide screen shots of electronic elements.

Action requested of the Committee

8. The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided, to comment and decide as it may deem appropriate.