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Order no. 916 of 13 November 2002 issued by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation

Order on maritime radio services in extraordinary situations

In pursuance of section 34 of Act no. 421 of 6 June 2002 on radio frequencies, the following provisions are laid down:

Section 1. In extraordinary situations (crisis and war as well as catastrophes and other extraordinary situations in times of peace), the coast radio station Lyngby Radio may, in accordance with more detailed provisions determined by the Admiral Danish Fleet, fully or partly cut off ordinary public tele-correspondence over the coast radio station. In similar situations, Danish ships' use of the radio station on board may be subject to restrictions determined by the Admiral Danish Fleet.

Subsection 2. Guidelines for the maritime radio services in extraordinary situations are evident from the instructions provided in annex 1.

Section 2. This Order shall enter into force on 1 December 2002.

Subsection 2. Order no. 540 of 22 June 1992 on the maritime radio service under extraordinary conditions shall be repealed.

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Instructions on maritime radio services in extraordinary situations

1. *General*

1.1 These instructions shall apply to the coast radio station Lyngby Radio as well as Danish ships.

1.2 In extraordinary situations (crisis and war as well as catastrophes and other extraordinary situations in times of peace) Lyngby Radio may, in accordance with more detailed provisions determined by the Admiral Danish Fleet, fully or partly be closed for ordinary public correspondence.

1.3 A notice for the shipping industry about the restrictions will be transmitted over Lyngby Radio in connection with the traffic lists as well as over Radio Denmark in Notices to Mariners and, if relevant, in connection with the radio news bulletin.

1.4 In these situations, Lyngby Radio will survey distress and call channels to the same extent as under normal conditions.

1.5 In cases where the Admiral Danish Fleet considers it necessary, ships may be required to report their position only if so required in the cases stipulated in item 2.2.1 (distress and other important messages). In this connection, ships may be required to turn off any automatically transmitted radio signals from onboard equipment.

1.6 All ships shall, in addition to the provisions laid down in these instructions, comply with any additional restriction as regards the use of the radio that may be determined by the Admiral Danish Fleet.

1.7 Certain ships may be allocated specific call signs or identification numbers.

2. *Permitted messages to and from ships within the areas where restrictions have been imposed*

2.1 When the exchange of ordinary public correspondence with ships in a specific area has been suspended, conversations between ships in this area and telephone subscribers ashore shall be prohibited. Conversations between ships shall also be prohibited.

2.2 However, it shall be permitted to exchange the following types of messages:

2.2.1 *From ships to coast radio stations or other ships:*

Distress messages and subsequent distress and assistance correspondence.

Reports on observations of hostile ships and aircraft, mine explosions and the like.

Reports that may – if omitted – jeopardize human lives or ships.

Requests on VHF to repeat messages that have not been received, cf. item 2.2.2, second-last paragraph.

Passing on messages to other ships on VHF, cf. item 2.2.2, last paragraph.

2.2.2 *To ships from Lyngby Radio:*

Messages from (or via) the Admiral Danish Fleet.

The messages, which will normally concern the safety, etc. of the ships, will contain the name of the issuing authority in the text if this is somebody else than the Admiral Danish Fleet.

Messages for a *specific ship* will contain the words “Marine message for ...” (ship’s name, MMSI number, call sign or identification number).

Messages for *all ships* will contain the words “Marine messages no. ...” starting with number 1 in an uninterrupted series of numbers.

It is of the utmost importance that all messages in the series of numbers are received. Consequently, the masters shall procure on VHF any lacking numbers from the navy, Lyngby Radio, nearby ships or the port authorities. The ships shall on VHF pass on the contents of messages aimed at *all ships* to nearby ships that have not been able to receive them by themselves.

3. *Transmission of permitted messages to and from ships within areas where restrictions are imposed*

3.1 *General*

3.1.1. The permitted messages from or via the Admiral Danish Fleet will be forwarded to Lyngby Radio for transmission.

3.1.2 Ships should, to the greatest extent possible, listen to the traffic list broadcasts of the Lyngby Radio.

3.2 *Transmissions from ships*

The permitted messages will be transmitted in the usual way and Lyngby Radio will confirm receipt.

3.3 *Transmissions to ships*

3.3.1 In case of messages for a *specific ship*, Lyngby Radio will call the ship using its name, MMSI number, call sign or identification number.

In case of messages for *all ships*, the words “all Danish ships” respectively the call sign OXXO will be used.

In connection with each blind transmission, the messages are sent twice.

3.3.2 Ships are not permitted to reply to the call or to confirm receipt of the call if not expressly required in the call. This provision shall, however, not apply to messages for a *specific ship* via VHF, cf. item 3.3.3.

3.3.3 *Special regulations for the VHF area*

Messages for a *specific ship* will be transmitted as under normal conditions.

Messages for *all ships* will be transmitted on a VHF working channel following an announcement on channel 16 (156.80 MHz) or channel 70 (156.525 MHz). Receipt is not to be confirmed.

3.3.4 *Special regulations for the MF area*

Messages for a *specific ship* or for *all ships* will be blindly transmitted on the ordinary working frequencies of Lyngby Radio immediately after the first and second traffic list following receipt by the coast radio station.

3.3.5 *Special regulations for the HF area*

Messages for a *specific ship* or for *all ships* will be blindly transmitted on the ordinary working frequencies of Lyngby Radio immediately after the first and second traffic list within a period of time of 24 hours following receipt by the coast radio station.