European Vessel Reporting System in the maritime zones

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1) SUBSTANCE 1. The directive aims to establish in the Community a system of notification for vessels with a view to improving the safety of vessel traffic and the prevention of pollution by vessels. 2. It does not apply to war vessels and other government ships used for non-commercial purposes, nor to victualling or equipment intended to be used on board. 3. Creation of European system for the notification of vessels known as "Eurorep" incorporating a general system of notification and a system of notification for the vessel traffic services system (VTS). 4. Requirement for the Member States to appoint the competent VTS and authorities, which would receive the information and notifications provided for in the directive, and to inform the Commission of these appointments; 5. Requirement for information concerning the transport: * requirement for the captain of any vessel transporting dangerous or polluting goods that is participating in the Eurorep system to notify the competent authority of the Member State involved of its entry as well as its intended movements in the Eurorep zone and in each of the Eurorep sub-zones, in accordance with the procedures set out in Annex II; * requirement for all vessels to notify their name, call sign, IMO identification number, if it exists, their position, route and, if necessary, the presence on board of dangerous or polluting goods to the competent VTS as soon as it enters the zone covered by the latter; * requirement for the Member States to ensure that the competent VTS under their responsibility have access, in particular, to appropriate surveillance radars and communication methods and that they are used in accordance with the IMO directives on vessel traffic services in force on the date of adoption of this directive, and particularly those contained in its resolution A578(14). 6. Requirement to participate in the Eurorep system for all vessels transporting dangerous or polluting goods sailing to a port situated in the Community or due to drop anchor in the territorial waters of a Member State, as a condition for entry into the port or for dropping anchor in these territorial waters, or flying the flag of a Member State of the Community. This requirement is likely to be extended to vessels in transit after the entry into force of the amendments to the SOLAS Convention on the compulsory records of vessels. 7. Requirement for the Commission: * to submit to the advisory committee established by Directive 93/75/EEC (summary 4.4.9.1) in good time a draft of detailed technical measures required for the implementation of the Eurorep system; * to ask for its opinion on the measures to be taken. 2) OBJECTIVE To improve information on the movements of vessels in order to increase the safety of vessel traffic and prevent pollution. Source: European Commission - Info92 08/95