



## SECURITY RELATED INFORMATION TO MARINERS

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### ESTABLISHMENT OF RECOMMENDED TRANSIT CORRIDOR AT MORO GULF AND BASILAN STRAIT

The Philippines Department of Transportation (DOTr), established a Recommended Transit Corridor (RTC) for vessels transiting the area west of Mindanao Island. The RTC was established to allow Philippine law enforcement agencies to monitor vessel movements and deter acts of piracy in the area. The RTC has the following details:

#### Inbound Transit Lane (Northwesterly Route)

The Inbound Transit Lane is defined by the following positions:

Point (A)	Lat 6° 51' 02.00"N	Long 122° 12' 54.51"E
Point (B)	Lat 6° 42' 05.93"N	Long 122° 23' 54.15"E
Point (C)	Lat 5° 54' 46.76"N	Long 124° 29' 42.18"E
Point (D)	Lat 5° 54' 02.54"N	Long 124° 29' 19.18"E
Point (E)	Lat 6° 41' 15.56"N	Long 122° 23' 34.72"E
Point (F)	Lat 6° 50' 32.79"N	Long 122° 12' 10.27"E

#### Outbound Transit Lane (Southeasterly Route)

The Outbound Transit Lane is defined by the following positions:

Point (G)	Lat 6° 50' 17.18"N	Long 122° 11' 44.76"E
Point (H)	Lat 6° 40' 42.56"N	Long 122° 23' 31.19"E
Point (I)	Lat 5° 53' 39.11"N	Long 124° 29' 6.46"E
Point (J)	Lat 5° 52' 58.10"N	Long 124° 28' 42.20"E
Point (K)	Lat 6° 39' 54.05"N	Long 122° 23' 15.07"E
Point (L)	Lat 6° 49' 44.95"N	Long 122° 10' 56.47"E

Vessels navigating in the RTC should comply with the following Rules of Passage:

1. Notify the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) through radio communications at least six (6) hours prior to entering the RTC.
2. Proceed within the appropriate transit lane in the general established direction of traffic flow for that lane.
3. Keep clear of the buffer zone.
4. Do not engage in fishing or other recreational activities.
5. Do not impede the passage of any vessel following the Traffic Lane



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6. Switch on the Automatic Identification System (AIS) onboard for monitoring.
7. Acknowledge the radio challenges by authorities
8. Report all observed suspicious activities to the authorities and to other vessels transiting the area.
9. Vessels less than 20 metres in length or sailing vessels should not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessels following the traffic lane.
10. Vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and engaged in the maintenance of Safety of Navigation in the RTC are exempted from complying with these rules to the extent necessary to carry out the operation upon giving prior notice to the PCG.
11. Steer towards a safe area and out of the RTC and display the necessary lights during night time and shapes during daytime if the vessel encounters defective propulsion, defective steering, inoperative navigation running lights, impaired maneuverability, defective navigational equipment or other similar conditions that may impair navigation, reduce its capabilities or affect the safety of other vessels.
12. Proceed at full maximum speed while navigating along the RTC or as recommended by the PCG.
13. Secure all access doors to avoid entry of armed robbers or pirates.

Masters are advised to read the **(DOTr Memorandum Circular No 2017-002)** for the full details on the rules and protocols within the RTC.

All ships/watercrafts transiting the above-mentioned areas are advised to take the necessary precautionary measures.