

Amendments to the Routing Schemes in Norwegian Waters

From 1 June 2021

The international Maritime Organization (IMO) has decided to amend the routing schemes in Norwegian waters from 1 June 2021 at 00:00 UTC.

The objective of the amendments is to optimize the effect of the routing systems, and to harmonize the systems so that they apply to the same categories of ships.

The amendment also includes **adding two new traffic separation schemes and establishment of recommended routes** between the existing traffic separation schemes and the new ones. In addition, today's three ships' routing systems are **consolidated into one routing system called "Off the Coast of Norway"**.

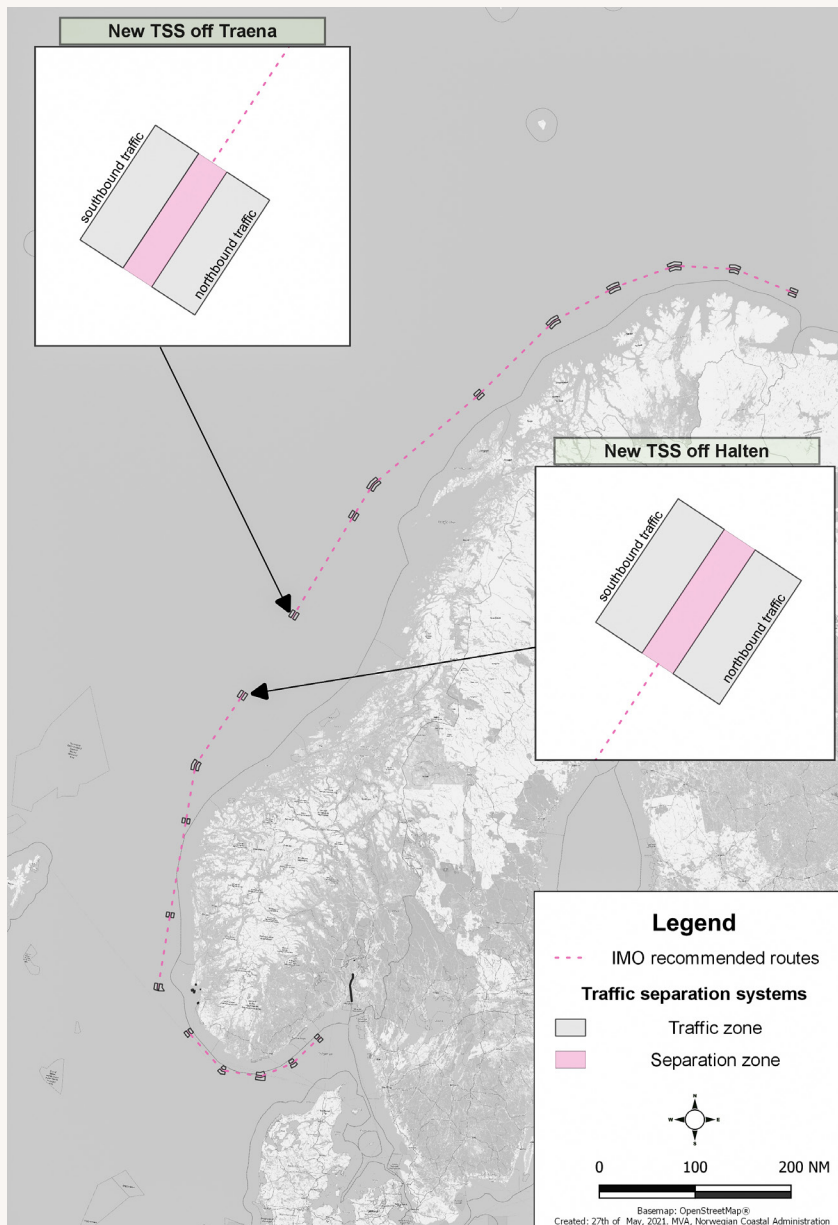
WHAT IS NEW?

- All traffic separation schemes will apply to the same categories of ships. These are:
 - Tankers as defined in Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78)
 - Chemical tankers carrying noxious liquid substances in bulk assessed or provisionally assessed as Category X or Y in Annex II to MARPOL 73/78
 - Ships carrying radioactive substances as defined in the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board Ships (INF Code)
 - Nuclear-powered ships
 - Ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and upwards
- Ships carrying radioactive substances as defined in the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board Ships (INF Code) and Nuclear-powered ships are now included
- Exclusion of passenger ships in regular service between Norwegian and international ports.
- Clarification concerning that traffic between the Norwegian mainland and ports in Svalbard should follow the routing systems
- Two new traffic separation schemes and recommended routes

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New Traffic Separation Schemes and Recommended Routes



New Editions of charts

Concerning paper charts:

From June 1, 2021, the relevant changes to the Traffic Separation Schemes will be included in new editions of charts: 300, 301, 304, 307, 308, 309, 310, 557

Concerning ENC (Electronic Navigational Charts)

From June 1, 2021, the Norwegian Hydrographic Service will release new editions of all ENCs affected by the implementation of the new routing measures.

Rules that Apply for Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS)

The international Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) Rule 10 apply to water in and around a TSS.