

2016 – “Year of the Bicentennial of Argentina’s Declaration of Independence”
 ARGENTINE COAST GUARD No: 0549/2016.-
 Maritime Authority Letter: DPSN, HH9.-

BUENOS AIRES, September 26th, 2016

In view of the presentation performed by the Under Secretariat of Ports and Waterways regarding the request for amendment of the safety under keel safety clearance determined by Disposition SNAV; NA9 No 028/2007, informed by the Navigation Safety Office, and:

CONSIDERING:

That the Disposition SNAV, NA9 No 028/07 complementing Ordinance No 04/00 and the Navigation Regulations in Title 3, Chapter 01 of the Sea, River and Lake Navigation Code (REGINAVE), established security under keel safety clearance additional to 0.60 meters for vessels over 10.36 meters drafts, that shall sail the Main Channels between San Martín – San Lorenzo and the Recalada Pilot Station.

That during the Meeting of the Navigation Technical-Administrative Advisory Council, held on June 9th of this year, in which different actors of the shipping industry took part, it was discussed and agreed among other topics the convenience of increasing the under keel safety clearance.

That the National Deputy Secretariat of Ports and Waterways, by Note No NO-2016-01351477-APN, dated September 13th of this year, suggested an increase in current under keel safety clearance when vessels shall exceed the maximum draft of 10.36 meters, in order to enable the absorption of the increase in drafts by the dynamic effects that occur in navigation at speeds compatible with good management and maneuverability of vessels.

That on the other hand, such increase in safety conditions shall allow to consider the requirements of users of such waterways for greater safety margins tending thus to a more rational, safe and efficient use of it, mainly taking into account the different and evolutionary factors and effects that influence the determination.

That analyzing the above problems, it becomes feasible to determine new safety parameters additional and complementary to Ordinance No: 04/00 (DPSN), in order to minimize potential risks and thus maintain the standards from the point of view of navigation safety, environmental preservation and traffic management.

That this Maritime Authority is empowered to regulate the navigation in National Jurisdiction waters, as per established in articles 31, 34 and 39 of Law No 20.094 (Navigation Law), as well as article 5 Paragraph a) item 2° of Law No 18.398 (Argentine Coast Guard Code).

Therefore,

THE NAVIGATION SAFETY POLICE DIRECTOR

RESOLVES

ARTICLE 1°.- To invalidate Disposition SNAV, NA9 No 028/2007.-

ARTICLE 2°.- To determine for those vessels with drafts over 10.36 meters an additional increase to the minimum under keel safety clearance of 0.60 meters, in accordance to Ordinance No: 04/00 (DPSN) and according to the following areas:

2.1. Section Parana River (Timbues – San Martin – San Lorenzo Ports) – Parana de las Palmas River up to Km. 57:

2.1.1. For drafts equal or over 10.37 and up to 10.49 meters, an increase of THREE centimeters (3 cm) per additional centimeter of draft.-

2.1.2. For drafts equal or over 10.50 meters, TEN per cent (10%) of the static draft.-

2.2. Section Parana de las Palmas River from Km. 57 up to Recalada Pilot Station:

2.2.1. For drafts equal or over 10.37 and up to 10.67 meters, an increase of ONE COMMA FIVE centimeters (1,5 cm) per additional centimeter of draft.-

2.2.2. For drafts equal or over 10.68 meters, TEN per cent (10%) of the static draft.-

2.3. In both cases, thousandths shall be rounded to the nearest whole hundredths, that is, if the number ends in five (5) or higher, it shall be rounded up and if it is four (4) or less, it shall be rounded down.-

ARTICLE 3°.- This Disposition shall enter into force SIXTY (60) calendar days after the date in the heading, and it shall remain transitory for NINETY (90) calendar days from its implementation, period during which users shall be convened to analyze its result, so as to proceed to its final ratification or corresponding modification.

ARTICLE 4°.- By the Navigation Safety Office, be it acknowledged and notified to the Operations Directorate (Service of Maritime Traffic), to the Coast Guards of the Areas involved for their knowledge and effects; Bodies, Chambers and Associations of the shipping industry for knowledge and spreading among their members. By the Navigation Regulations Office be it published in the Informative Bulletin for the Merchant Marine. Once fulfilled, be it filed in the originating Department as background information.

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DISPOSITION SNAV, NA9 No: 27/16.-