ENHANCED LORAN TRIALS DISCONTINUED

Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority for England, Wales and the Channel Islands, have given notice that from 1100 UTC on 31 December 2015, it will discontinue the Initial Operational Capability (IOC) prototype/trials of Enhanced LORAN (eLORAN) in the waters of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The eLORAN IOC prototype service has been provided by the General Lighthouse Authorities of these islands since 31 October 2014. It has used transmissions from Anthorn, (Cumbria), north west UK, operated in cooperation with eight other transmitters in north west Europe and augmented by coastal reference receiving stations sited near major ports on the east coast of Scotland and England.

It is understood that signals from eLORAN transmitters in France and Norway will go off-air on 31 December 2015. Without these signals, eLORAN in the UK and Ireland will not provide maritime positioning or navigation capability.

Mariners have been advised that from 1100 UTC on 31 December 2015 all currently equipped eLORAN and LORAN-C receivers in northwest Europe will cease to function correctly and such receivers should be switched off until further notice.

A similar Notice to Mariners has been issued by the Northern Lighthouse Board in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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