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MSTSFE INSTRUCTION 3123.4

From: Commander Military Sea Transportation Service, Far East
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Subj: MSTS Movement Report and Pre-arrival Messages by MSTS Controlled Voyage-Chartered (VC or CVC), Time-Chartered (TC), General Agency Agreement (GAA), and USNS Vessels; proper addressal of

Ref: (a) COMSTSINST 3123.5E
(b) COMSTSINST 3123.6

1. Purpose. To promulgate guidance for proper addressal of subject messages.
2. Background. With the escalation of the conflict in the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) and the resultant increase of MSTS controlled shipping in Southeast Asia (SEA), there has been a large growth in the amount of message traffic to and from U.S. merchant marine vessels in SEA. One of the primary sources of this message traffic is the MSTS Movement Report (MSTSMR). To be effective an MSTSMR must reach the proper addressees in the minimal amount of time. Unfortunately, many merchant ships are omitting key addressees on their MSTSMRs, thus devaluating the MSTSMR system. In some cases unnecessary addressees are placed on MSTSMRs. MSTSMR messages are frequently readdressed by COMSTSFE; sometimes they do not even include among the information addressees the MSTS Office or Representative at the destination point. Readdressals and wrong addressees result in an additional and unnecessary strain on the already heavily burdened U. S. Naval Communications System and illustrates the need for promulgation of this instruction. COMSTSFE believes that the reason for the above is a misunderstanding on the part of masters/radio operators concerning to whom an MSTSMR should be addressed. It is felt that the promulgation of a directive explaining proper addressees for MSTSMRs sent by vessels in the Far East will serve two purposes:

(1) to expedite the receipt of vessel movement information by all commands having the "need to know".

(2) to reduce to a minimum readdressal of MSTSMR messages by this or any other command.

3. Responsibility.

a. All MSTS's and MSTS REP's under COMSTSFE are directed to distribute one copy of this instruction to the master of each MSTS controlled VC, TC, GAA, and USNS (U.S. manned) ship calling in the Far East Area. COMSTSPAC, COMSTSLANT, COMSTSGULF and COMSTSMED are requested to disseminate the enclosed information to vessels scheduled to proceed to the Far East Area from their respective areas of control.

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b. MSTSO's and MSTS REP's in the Far East Area shall insure that each master is briefed on the proper designation of addressees on MSTSMRs and pre-arrival reports as prescribed by this instruction.

4. Addressing Movement Reports.

a. Action Addressee. The action addressee of a MSTSMR should be the AIG of the area in which the vessel is located in accordance with enclosure (2) of reference (a). There should be no other action addressee.

b. Information Addressee.

(1) Every MSTSMR will include COMSTS as an information addressee.

(2) If the vessel is enroute to or in the Far East Area (the area between longitudes 160.0°E and 060.0°E), the MSTSMR will include COMSTSFE as an information addressee.

(3) All MSTSMRs concerning vessels in the Far East Area enroute to the Suez Canal will include COMSTSMED and AMCON ADEN as information addressees.

(4) All MSTSMRs referring to vessels in the Far East Area enroute or in the area between longitudes 160.0°E and 067.0°W will include COMTSPAC as an information addressee.

(5) All ships in the Far East Area enroute the Panama Canal will include MSTSO Balboa as an information addressee in MSTSMRs and further will include COMTSGULF if the ultimate destination is in the Gulf of Mexico or COMTSLANT if enroute any Atlantic port.

(6) In addition to the above the following MSTS Offices or Representatives will be included as information addressees on MSTSMRs when proceeding to the ports listed below:

JAPAN

Enroute Tokyo/Yokohama/Yokosuka
Enroute Sasebo
Enroute Moji

Enroute Nagoya
Enroute Kobe

INFORMATION ADDRESSEE

(1) COMSTSFE
(1) MSTSO Sasebo
(1) MSTSO Sasebo
(2) Ships husbanding agent
(1) Ships husbanding agent
(1) Ships husbanding agent

KOREA

Enroute Inchon
Enroute Kunsan

(1) MSTSO Inchon
(1) MSTSO Inchon

KOREA

Enroute Gazan
Enroute Pusan
Enroute Ulsan
Enroute Pohang
Enroute Suyong

INFORMATION ADDRESSEE

(1) MSTSO Incheon
(1) MSTSO Pusan
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OKINAWA

Enroute Naha
Enroute Buckner Bay
Enroute Chimu-wan

(1) MSTSO Okinawa
(1) MSTSO Okinawa
(1) MSTSO Okinawa

GUAM

Enroute Apra

(1) MSTSO Guam

TAIWAN

Enroute Taipei
Enroute Kaohsiung
Enroute Keelung

(1) MSTSO Taipei
(1) MSTSO Taipei
(2) OIC MSTSU Kaohsiung
(1) MSTSO Taipei

PHILIPPINES

Enroute Subic Bay
Enroute Manila/Bataan
Enroute Poro Point
Enroute Mactan

(1) MSTSO Subic
(2) MSTSO Manila (cargo ships only)
(1) MSTSO Manila
(2) MSTSO Subic (tankers only)
(1) MSTSO Manila
(1) MSTSO Manila
(2) MSTSO Manila (tankers only)

Enroute Singapore

(1) MSTSREP Singapore
(2) Ships husbanding agent

THAILAND

Enroute Bangkok
Enroute Sattahip

(1) OIC MSTSU Bangkok
(1) OIC MSTSU Bangkok
(2) OIC MSTSU Sattahip

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Enroute Saigon
Enroute Cape St. Jacques (CASAJA)

(1) MSTSO Vietnam
(1) MSTSO Vietnam

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REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

INFORMATION ADDRESSEE

Enroute Vung Tau

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

Enroute Nha Trang

(2) OIC MSTSU Vung Tau

Enroute Phan Rang

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

Enroute Cam Ranh

(2) OIC MSTSU Nha Trang

Enroute Qui Nhon

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

Enroute Tuy Hoa

(2) OIC MSTSU Phan Rang

Enroute Vung Ro Bay

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

Enroute Danang

(2) OIC MSTSU Cam Ranh

Enroute Chu Lai

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

(2) OIC MSTSU Qui Nhon

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

(2) OIC MSTSU Tuy Hoa

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

(2) OIC MSTSU Tuy Hoa

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

(2) OIC MSTSU Danang

(1) MSTSO Vietnam

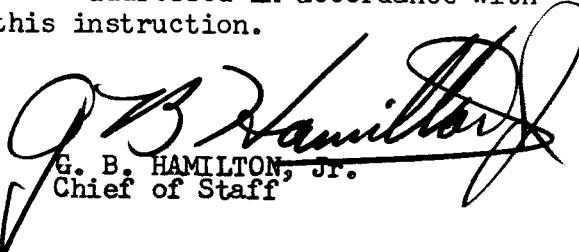
(2) OIC MSTSU Chu Lai

(7) All ships enroute to or passing within a 500 mile radius of Okinawa will include ADCC Okinawa and CTG 72.2 as information addressees on all MSTSMRs sent prior to or while passing within the area.

(8) For mail routing purposes, all ships enroute any ports between the Far East Area and the North or South American West Coast will include COMSERVPAC as information addressee on MSTSMRs; if enroute to the Panama Canal Zone, Persian Gulf, or Suez Canal ships should include COMSERVLANT.

5. Addressing Pre-arrival Messages. Pre-arrival messages sent by ships enroute ports in the Far East Area should be addressed in accordance with reference (b) and paragraph 4(b)(6) of this instruction.

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