



PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH NAVIGATIONAL ALERT

Effective May 1, 2001 a Voluntary Commercial Cargo Ship Speed Reduction Program will be in effect for ships entering and leaving the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Ports, along with the Steamship Association of Southern California, the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, the Marine Exchange of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor, Inc., the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District, have mutually agreed to implement an "Air Quality Compliance Zone" with a 12-knot speed restriction beginning 20-nautical miles (nm) from Point Fermin to the boundaries of the existing mandatory Precautionary Area.

The purpose of the Speed Reduction Measure is to reduce air pollution from ships in the South Coast Air Basin. It is expected that full implementation of this measure will result in the reduction of over three tons of smog pollutants from ships per day. Inside the 20-nm radius of the Air Quality Compliance Zone ships should maintain a speed of 12-knots or less. The suggested coordinates marking the outside boundary of the Air Quality Compliance Zone for the Northern Traffic Separation Scheme and Southern Traffic Separation Scheme approaches are as follows, all vessels should not exceed the 12-knot speed inside of 20-nm radius from Point Fermin:

<u>Northern Separation Scheme</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
Northbound coastwise traffic	33° 48.70' N	118° 40.50' W
Southbound coastwise traffic	33° 43.60' N	118° 41.20' W
<u>Southern Separation Scheme</u>		
Northbound coastwise traffic	33° 25.00' N	118° 04.20' W
Southbound coastwise traffic	33° 23.60' N	118° 09.00' W

The Marine Exchange of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor will add the following statement when ships enter or depart the Ports:

"There is an Air Quality Compliance Zone, between the Precautionary Area and a 20-nm radius from Point Fermin. You are requested to maintain a speed of no greater than 12-knots while navigating within this zone."

Your cooperation in making this measure a success will assist in meeting the air quality requirements of the region and demonstrate the willingness of the maritime industry to be responsible stewards of the environment. Failure to attain a high level of compliance will probably result in stricter regulatory requirements. Should you have any questions regarding this notice please contact Captain Richard McKenna, Deputy Executive Director of the Marine Exchange, at (310) 519-3126.

Sincerely,

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Air Quality Compliance Zone

12 Knots at 20 Nautical Miles From Point Fermin

