

REPORTS

Reports must be made by all vessels of over 20 metres in length.

Entry Report.

To be made at the VTS boundary.

Reporting Points are:

Sector 1. Helsinki Lighthouse, Kytö and Kuiva Hevonen.

Additional Reports: Must be made 15 minutes before arrival at Kustaanmiekka or Sarkka Straits. **(See HEL 2).**

Sector 2. Inkoo 2, Barösund and Kytö (Porkkala area) and Kalbådagrund, Kasaudden promontory and Kuiva Hevonen (Emäsalo area). **(See HEL 2).**

TO: Helsinki VTS.

GIVING: IMO SRS Items: ALPHA, DELTA, ECHO, FOXTROT, LIMA.

VIA: Sector 1: VHF Ch.71 (See HEL 2).

Sector 2: VHF Ch.09 (See HEL 2).

Anchoring and Berthing.

Vessels anchoring or berthing with the VTS area must report as follows:

TO: Helsinki VTS.

GIVING: IMO SRS Items: ALPHA, BRAVO, DELTA.

VIA: Sector 1: VHF Ch.71 (See HEL 2).

Sector 2: VHF Ch.09 (See HEL 2).

Vessels must report again before weighing anchor, and again when under way.

Deviation Reports.

Must be made if a vessel departs from its planned route.

TO: Helsinki VTS.

GIVING: IMO SRS Items: ALPHA, BRAVO, DELTA, QUEBEC.

VIA: Sector 1: VHF Ch.71.

Sector 2: VHF Ch.09.

Departure Reports.

All vessels must obtain a **Clearance** from Helsinki VTS before departure. (See Traffic Organisation Service)

SERVICES OFFERED

Navigational Assistance.

Helsinki VTS does not provide vessels with any direct navigational instructions. Positioning assistance can be given on request (for example in the case of equipment failure), or if the VTS deems it necessary.

Traffic Organisation Service.

When Necessary, Helsinki VTS gives instructions concerning the speed of vessels, prohibits vessels from overtaking others, or specifies the right-of-way in narrow fairways.

A **departing** vessel must obtain a **Clearance to sail** from the VTS not more than five (5) minutes before departure from a berth or anchorage, and report its planned route. The VTS Centre checks the traffic and notifies the vessel concerning the traffic situation. If necessary, the VTS specifies the order of departure from the Port.

A **departing** vessel must notify the VTS of any inability to sail at the given time.

If necessary, the VTS will recommend an alternative departure route to a departing vessel.

Information Service.

An Information Service is available, providing information when deemed necessary by the VTS, or at the request of a vessel. This information can include the following:

- (1) Position Reports.
- (2) Traffic movement reports.
- (3) Waterway conditions.
- (4) Weather conditions.
- (5) Hazards.
- (6) Additional factors that may influence a vessel's transit.