

VHF PROCEDURES

PURPOSE.

The operational management of the traffic and the forward planning of vessel movements to prevent congestion and dangerous situations, in particular in times of high traffic density or when the movement of special transports may affect the traffic flow. The service may also include the establishment and operation of the following systems:

1. **Traffic Clearances** or VTS Passage Plans, or both, in relation to the priority of movements and the allocation of space.
2. **Mandatory Reporting** of movements in the VTS area, routes to be followed, speed limits to be observed or other appropriate measures which are considered necessary by the VTS Authority.
3. **Instructions** issued when necessary for the safe navigation of vessels within the VTS area. These instructions do not alter the Masters responsibility for the safe navigation of his vessel, or change the relationship between Master and Pilot.

All vessels in the VTS area **must** keep a continuous listening watch, and **report their movements** on Ch.9.

Other communications.

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VHF REPORTS

West Coast VTS Consists of two Sectors:

Pori VTS Sector.

From the VTS border 12 nm from Kaijakari Island (61°37'N 21°22'E) to Mäntyluoto, Tahkoluoto and Merikarvia harbours.

Rauma VTA Sector.

From the VTS border 12 nm from Rauman Majakka Lighthouse (61°09'N 21°10'E) to Rauma, Olkiluoto and Eurajoki harbours.

REPORTS

All Reports to be made to **West Coast VTS** via **Ch.9**.

Advance Report:

To be made 2 hours in advance of entering the VTS area.

GIVING IMO SRS Items-ALFA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, ECHO, FOXTROT, INDIA, LIMA, OSCAR, PAPA, QUEBEC AND UNIFORM.

Entry Report:

To be made at the border of the VTS area.

GIVING: IMO SRS Items - ALPHA, DELTA, ECHO and FOXTROT.

Anchoring and Berthing:

To be made when anchoring, berthing, before weighing anchor and again when under way:

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

Departure Report:

A report must be made on departure.

GIVING; IMO SRS Items – ALPHA, BRAVO, GOLF, INDIA, LIMA, OSCAR, PAPA AND QUEBEC.

Departure reports can also be forwarded by TELEPHONE or FAX.