

**VHF PROCEDURES****Special Provisions****This is a mandatory VTS**

Vessels carrying dangerous cargo in bulk:

Visibility more than 1000 metres: radar and VHF fully operational  
Visibility 500 - 1000 metres: entry only in special

circumstances with permission of VTS Centre

Ems Traffic consists of four sectors:

Borkum Radar VHF CH 18  
Knock Radar VHF CH 20  
Wybelsum Radar VHF CH 21 (Ems Traffic on all channels)  
Ems Traffic VHF CH 15

All vessels in area Ems Traffic must maintain permanent watch on Sector VHF Channel and/or VHF CH 16

Permission to change frequency or to end VHF watch should be obtained from Ems Traffic

**REPORTS****Pre-entry reports** (Sailing Plan) 

All vessels: more than 40 metres in length, including pushed or towed composite units.  
carrying dangerous cargo in bulk (gas / chemicals / petroleum / petroleum products)  
nuclear vessels

Must report: when approaching River Ems from North or East, and  
crossing latitude 5400'N  
crossing longitude through lightbuoy "GW 7" (see Page HGL 2)

TO: Ems Traffic

GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: Alpha Delta Golf India Oscar  
Papa (full particulars, including gas free or not)  
Quebec Tango Uniform

VIA: VHF CH 18

 All vessels as above

**Must report:**

1. Before entering VTS area from sea
2. Before entering VTS area from a harbour in VTS area
3. Before leaving Eemshaven
4. Before leaving Delfzijl

TO: Ems Traffic (1), (2)  
Eemshaven Radar (3)  
Delfzijl Radar (4)

GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: Alpha Delta Golf India Oscar  
Papa (full particulars,  
including gas free or not) Quebec Tango Uniform

VIA: 1. Corresponding VHF CH (1) (2)  
2. VHF CH 01 (3)  
3. VHF CH 03 (4)

**Position reports** 

ALL VESSELS (as above)

WHEN: at reporting points (waypoints) shown (See ME 2)

TO: Ems Traffic

GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: Alpha Bravo (passing time)

Delta Foxtrot

VIA: Corresponding VHF CH

**Deviation reports**

ALL VESSELS (as above)

WHEN: any change in details given in pre-entry report (Sailing Plan)

TO: Ems Traffic

GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: change by deviation (anchoring, change of destination)

VIA: Corresponding VHF CH

**Incident report**

ALL VESSELS (as above)

WHEN: all vessels shall immediately report an incident impairing safety or the environment

TO: Ems Traffic

GIVING: full details of incident

VIA: Corresponding VHF CH