

**ROUTE REGULATIONS****Vessels governed by regulations**

All vessels over 50m in length should navigate in traffic route when transiting the VTS zone.

**Route**

AKASI KAIKYO Traffic Route is a separation route.

**Overtaking Signals**

A vessel in a traffic route must give the following signals:

One prolonged blast followed by one short blast (—<sup>•</sup>)

when overtaking on the starboard side of another vessel, or

One prolonged blast followed by two short blasts (—<sup>••</sup>)

when overtaking on the port side.

**Restrictions on Entry**

Entry may be restricted in low visibility or in a dangerous situation, e.g. when an accident has occurred in or near the traffic route.

Time of entry for vessels may be delayed when sufficient time separation from a preceding vessel is not sufficient.

**NAVIGATION INSTRUCTIONS****1. Mode of navigation in the eastern approach.**

- (1) A vessel entering the traffic route is requested to pass AKASI KAIKYO Traffic Route Eastward Light Buoy (34 34.8' N, 135 05.1' E approx.) on the port side and then head for the traffic route.
- (2) A vessel leaving the traffic route and sailing for Kobe Port or Osaka Port is requested to pass the same Light Buoy on her port side.

**2. Mode of navigation in the western approach.**

A vessel entering the traffic route from the districts including HIMEZI Port and HIGASIHARIMA Port is requested to pass AKASI KAIKYO Traffic Route Westward Light Buoy (34 36.3' N, 134 56.9' E approx.) on her port side and then head for the traffic route.

**Navigation in the vicinity of the traffic route.**

A vessel should strictly observe the following requirements.

- (1) Recommendation on navigation in the vicinity of AKASI KAIKYO Traffic Route.
- (2) Vessels (of less than 50m) navigating in the traffic route are also invited to enter the traffic route by the entrance.
- (3) A vessel navigating in the traffic route should navigate the route along the course of the route and should avoid overtaking another vessel at close quarters.