

TRAFFIC SIGNAL STATIONS AND REGULATIONS

The KOBE Chuo Passage Signal Station and the No.2 Signal Station

1. Position of the Traffic Signal Stations are follows:

- (1) Kobe Signal Station : 34°40'10"N, 135°13'59"E
(2) No.2 Kobe Signal Station : 34°39'04"N, 135°14'41"E

2. Meaning of Signals

Flashing "I": Inbound vessels of 40,000 GRT and over (Tanker of 1,000 GRT and over) may enter the Passage. Vessels of 500 GRT or more and less than the designated tonnages shall wait outside the Passage. Outbound Vessels less than 500 GRT may proceed the Passage.

Flashing "O": Outbound vessels of 40,000 GRT and over (Oil Tanker of 1,000 GRT and over) may leave the Passage. Vessels of 500 GRT or more and less than the designated tonnages should wait outside the Passage. Inbound Vessels less than 500 GRT may proceed the Passage.

Flashing "F": All of Inbound and Outbound vessels less than 40,000 GRT (Oil Tanker of less than 1,000 GRT) may enter or leave the Passage. Vessels of 40,000 GRT and over (Oil Tanker of 1,000 GRT and over) shall wait outside the Passage.

Alternating "X" and "I" or "O" or "F" : Letter of "I" or "O" or "F" after "X" means advance notice of a Traffic Signal shortly after. Vessels already in the Passage may proceed through the Passage. Vessels of 500 GRT and over outside the Passage shall wait there to avoid other vessels in the passage.

Continuous lighting "X" : Entering and leaving through the Passage is prohibited to all vessels except for a vessel having a special permission from the Captain of the port.

Flashing "X": Advance notice of the signal as continuous lighting "X", shortly after.

3. Safety Information and entry procedures of KOBE AREA

Harbour Manager of KOBE Area in HANSHIN Port provides "ENTRY MANUAL" for safety navigation and all of necessities for entry procedures, which should be set in Wheel house. The MANUAL is available via Agent.