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### Gulf of Finland Reporting System

In compliance with IMO Resolution MSC.139 (76) and circular MSC.SN/Circ. 225 the Gulf of Finland mandatory ship reporting system (GOFREP) was established on 1 July 2004.

Pursuant to the agreement between the Estonian Maritime Administration and the Finnish Transport Safety Agency, case-by-case exemptions from reporting requirements may be applied to passenger ferries and high speed craft providing regular service between Tallinn and Helsinki on a fixed schedule. Vessels that are able to continuously monitor (without using *dual watch*) VHF channels 16, 60 and 61 may be exempted from the requirement to submit reports to GOFREP centres because according to IMO requirements the number of reports shall be minimized. It may be necessary to install an additional VHF radio station in order to be exempted. The exemption granted by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency also applies in Estonia, and vice versa.

Applications for exemptions from mandatory reporting can be sent to the address [ljo@vta.ee](mailto:ljo@vta.ee)

Sincerely

(signed digitally)

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