NOTICE TO SKIPPERS
No. 144 14.11 2026

Skippers are informed that on November 15, 2026, the special convoy consisting of the tugboat **PROTUG 87** (flag of St. Vincent and the Grenadines) positioned at the bow—**the barge ATLANTE 1 (flag of Italy)**—and the tugboat **SULINA 2** (flag of Romania—owned by A.F.D.J.-R.A.) positioned at the stern, with **IDU SHIPPING & SERVICES** as the agent, having the following characteristics:

L ≈ 266.40 m; B = 36.00 m, D = 4.88 m,

will transit the **S.N. VARD Tulcea –Sulina Bar** sector; navigation on the Sulina Canal will be temporarily closed for seagoing vessels and river convoys traveling upstream on the Port Sulina – Nm 34 sector, starting at 00:00, until the special convoy exits the canal.

Seagoing vessels bound to proceed upstream on the Sulina Canal on November 14, 2026, prior to the closure of navigation, will be accepted only if there is sufficient time to pass through the Nm 34 area by 11:00 PM.

Vessels arriving at the mouth of the Sulina Canal will wait in the Black Sea for the convoy to exit, after which they will be directed into the Port of Sulina.

Vessels are prohibited from berthing in the Port of Sulina, anchoring at Hm, or at Nm 6.

Vessels anchored at Nm 35/Nm 36 may proceed downstream on the Canal before the special convoy begins transiting the sector.

Maritime and river vessels queuing downstream after the special convoy has passed shall maintain a minimum distance of 3 Nm from the special convoy and shall maintain constant radiotelephone contact to ensure that the special convoy transits the Sulina Canal under conditions of complete navigational safety.

The special convoy will be assisted during its passage through Tulcea bend by **FARUL** tugboat (Romanian flag—owned by A.F.D.J.-R.A.).

The convoy will be led by the Tulcea Harbor Master's Office patrol boat, serving as a lead vessel on the route from Tulcea (Nm39) to Hm 70 (Sulina lighthouse).

River passenger vessels engaged in regular service and Administration vessels are exempt from the provisions of this notice; their skippers are required to take all necessary measures to ensure that navigation proceeds in complete safety and that the passage of the special convoy is not impeded.

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