

7. UNITED KINGDOM AND RUSSIAN FEDERATION — AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF INCIDENTS AT SEA BEYOND TERRITORIAL WATERS — IMPLICATIONS FOR NON MILITARY VESSELS.

Source: Foreign Office.

Former Notice 7/04 is cancelled. This is a repetition of the former notice.

1. The Governments of the United Kingdom and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concluded an agreement in 1986 to ensure the mutual safety of military vessels and aircraft, both singly and in formation, when engaged in manoeuvres and exercises outside territorial seas.
2. "Military vessels" includes both warships and auxiliary vessels; "military aircraft" includes all military manned lighter-than-air and heavier-than-air craft, excluding spacecraft.
3. Nothing in the agreement shall be taken to imply non observance of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972. Vessels subject to the agreement shall, when meeting or operating in the vicinity of each other, remain well clear and avoid manoeuvring in a manner which would hinder the evolutions of each other, whether singly or in formation.
4. Vessels and aircraft subject to the agreement shall not carry out simulated attacks by any means against vessels, military or non military, of the other nation. Vessels shall not use searchlights, lasers or flares to illuminate the navigation bridges of passing vessels.
5. Formations of vessels subject to the agreement shall not conduct manoeuvres through areas of heavy traffic where internationally recognised traffic separation schemes are in effect.
6. When vessels subject to the agreement manoeuvre in sight of one another or are acting in support of submerged submarines, such signals (flag, sound and light) as are prescribed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972, the International Code of Signals and the Table of Special Signals set out in the Annex to this Notice shall be used. At night, in reduced visibility or any other circumstances when signal flags are not distinct, flashing light signals or VHF Radio Channel 16 should be used.
7. Each nation party to the agreement shall provide, through established radio navigational warnings, normally not less than three to five days in advance, notification of actions beyond the territorial seas which represent a danger to navigation or to aircraft in flight.

ANNEX TO ANNUAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 7

TABLE OF SPECIAL SIGNALS

The following Special Signals are to be preceded by the group **YANKEE VICTOR ONE (YV1)**

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
IR1	I am engaged in oceanographic operations
IR2 (...)	I am streaming/towing hydrographic survey equipment (...) metres astern
IR3	I am recovering hydrographic surveying equipment
IR4	I am conducting salvage operations
JH1	I am attempting to refloat a grounded vessel
MH1	Request you do not cross my course ahead of me
NB1 (...)	I have my unattached hydrographic survey equipment bearing in a direction from me as indicated (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
PJ1	I am unable to alter course to my starboard
PJ2	I am unable to alter course to my port
PJ3	Caution, I have a steering casualty
PP8 (...)	Dangerous operations in progress. Request you keep clear of the direction indicated from me (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
QF1	Caution, I have stopped the engines
QS6 (...)	I am proceeding to anchorage on course (...)
QV2	I am in a fixed multiple leg moor using two or more anchors or buoys fore and aft. Request you remain clear
QV3	I am anchored in deep water with hydrographic survey equipment streamed
RT2	I intend to pass you on your port side
RT3	I intend to pass you on your starboard side
RT4	I will overtake you on your port side
RT5	I will overtake you on your starboard side
RT6 (...)	I am manoeuvring (or the formation is manoeuvring). Request you keep clear of the direction indicated from me (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
RT7 (...)	I shall approach your vessel on starboard side to a distance of (...) 100s of metres (yards)
RT8 (...)	I shall approach your vessel on port side to a distance of (...) 100s of metres (yards)
RT9 (...)	I shall cross astern at a distance of (...) 100s of metres (yards)
RU2 (...)	I am beginning a port turn in approximately (...) minutes
RU3 (...)	I am beginning a starboard turn in approximately (...) minutes
RU4	The formation is preparing to alter course to port
RU5	The formation is preparing to alter course to starboard
RU6	I am engaged in manoeuvring exercises. It is dangerous to be inside the formation
RU7	I am preparing to submerge
RU8	A submarine will surface within two miles of me within 30 minutes. Request you remain clear
SL2	Request your course and speed and passing intention
TX1	I am engaged in fisheries patrol
UY1 (...)	I am preparing to launch/recover aircraft on course (...)
UY2 (...)	I am preparing to conduct missile exercises. Request you keep clear of the direction indicated from me (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
UY3	I am preparing to conduct gunnery exercises. Request you keep clear of the direction indicated from me (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
UY4	I am preparing to conduct/am conducting operations employing explosive charges
UY5 (...)	I am manoeuvring in preparation for torpedo launching exercises in a direction from me as indicated (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
UY6 (...)	I am preparing to conduct/am conducting underway replenishment on course (...). Request you remain clear
UY7	I am preparing to conduct amphibious training using a large number of small assault craft. Request you keep clear in the direction from me as indicated (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
UY8	I am manoeuvring to launch/recover assault landing craft. Request you keep clear in the direction from me as indicated (...) (Table III of I.C.S.)
UY9	I am preparing to conduct/am conducting helicopter operations over my stern
*UY10	I am checking gunnery systems
*UY11	I am checking rocket systems
UY12 (..)	I am preparing to conduct/am conducting gunnery exercises/bombing by aircraft of the towed target. Request you keep clear of the direction indicated from me (...) (Table II of I.C.S.)
ZL1	I have received and understood your signal
ZL2	Do you understand? Request acknowledgement
ZL3	Your signal received but not understood

* These signals are transmitted by vessels when they conduct their routine checking work and testing of gunnery and rocket rotating mechanisms, the activities provided for by certain technical requirements.

