

Resolution No. 65/25

General Naval Prefecture

HAVING SEEN: The need to update the PERMITTED DRAFT LIMIT for vessels, to carry out strict control for NAVIGATION SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, by the General Naval Prefecture, the Zone Prefectures and Naval Detachments, as a consequence of the hydrometric heights of the Paraguay River recorded in recent days and;

WHEREAS: Article 1 of Law No. 1.158/85 of Organization of the General Naval Prefecture states: The General Naval Prefecture is a unit of the Navy. It is in charge of the Security and the Fluvial Police Service, of the ports, rivers, streams, canals, lakes, lagoons, islands and beaches and those adjacent areas; the powers and duties of the General Naval Prefecture, established in the positive National Legislation on the matter and especially those determined in Law 928/27 "Capitancy Regulations" of September 7, 1927.

That, in this sense, Law No. 928/27 "Capitancy Regulations", in its Art. 77 establishes: "passage in the steps or channels is prohibited when the draft of the ship is not at least twenty (20) centimeters less than the depth of the existing water in said step".

That, likewise, Art. 78 of the same legal body says: "The Practical or Captains with PARSICOS function, will take special care in the faithful compliance with the provisions of the previous article. Accomplices will be penalized with a fine in simple cases, and suspended according to the seriousness of the acts in accordance with the provisions of Art. 1 of Law No. 1060/84 "That adopts a regime of equivalence of the guaraní with respect to the national currency weight for the purposes of the application of the penalties provided for in the Penal Code and complementary Laws, establishing it in minimum daily wages for various unspecified activities of the capital".

As a consequence of the trend of the Paraguay River, it is extremely essential to guarantee, ensure the navigation and operability of national and foreign vessels in jurisdictional waters; as well as the need to maintain the flow of import, export and national cabotage cargo, as well as the transit of products from foreign vessels throughout the course of the Paraguay River;

That the National Administration of Navigation and Ports has been carrying out dredging and filling works necessary for the maintenance of acceptable levels for the safety of river navigation in the southern section of the Paraguay River.

That it is necessary to preserve the fluvial environment and the safety of navigation;

THEREFORE: In use of its powers conferred by the current Fluvio-Maritime Legislation;

THE GENERAL NAVAL PREFECT RESOLVES:

1st. To modify the maximum draft allowed for the navigation of vessels in the waters of the Paraguay River, as follows:

a) Section from BAHÍA NEGRA KM 1362 (PUERTO CABALLO) to VALLEMI KM 917 (12') TWELVE FEET of draft for Motor Ships and Tugs with barge train.

b) Section from VALLEMI KM 917 to REMANSO CASTILLO KM 404 (12') TWELVE FEET of draft for Motor Ships and Tugs with barge train.

c) Section from REMANSO CASTILLO KM 404 to PUERTO PABLA KM 370 (12') TWELVE FEET of draft for Motor Ships and Tugs with barge train.

d) Section from PUERTO PABLA KM 370 to PILAR KM 89 (10') TEN FEET of draft for Motor Ships and Tugs with barge train.

e) Section from PILAR KM 89 to CONFLUENCIA KM 0 (10') TEN FEET of draft for Motor Ships and Tugs with barge train.

2nd. To divide into sections of up to a maximum of (60) sixty meters in beam and 244 two hundred and forty-four meters of barge convoy plus the Tug at the "Nanawa" (Concepción - Pdte. Hayes) and "Remanso Castillo" (Central - Pdte. Hayes) bridges for navigation upstream IN BALLAST, both with cargo and in ballast, maintaining at all times the safety of navigation and the preservation of the fluvial environment, taking into account the meteorological conditions and the safety speed for passage.

3rd. To divide into sections of up to a maximum of (35) thirty-five meters in beam and 244 two hundred and forty-four meters of barge convoy plus the Tug at the "Nanawa" (Concepción - Pdte. Hayes) and "Remanso Castillo" (Central - Pdte. Hayes) bridges for navigation upstream WITH CARGO, and the beginning and end of the sections must be communicated to the Coastal Station, maintaining at all times the safety of navigation and the preservation of the fluvial environment, taking into account the meteorological conditions and the safety speed for passage.

4th. In the navigable waters of the Republic of Paraguay (Paraguay River, Paraná River), to divide into sections for safe navigation upstream and downstream, in the critical passes mentioned in the publication "NOTICES TO NAVIGATORS" of the Hydrography and Navigation Directorate of the Paraguayan Navy and other difficult passes, coordinating for the passage between vessels, in accordance with the Regulations to Prevent Collisions of the Paraguay Paraná Waterway, maintaining at all times the safety of navigation and the preservation of the fluvial environment, taking into account the meteorological conditions and the safety speed for passage.

5th. The Maritime and Fluvial Companies will take the necessary security measures to avoid accidents during navigation and collision in the bridge passages, regarding the steps in which there are no moorings to incorporate large tugs, which will serve as support and assistance during the sections, in order to maximize the safety of navigation and prevention of environmental pollution.-----

6th. Captains during navigation will take safety measures in the Critical Steps: North Zone; Vallemi km 923, Riacho Casado km 900, San José km 880, Piedra Partida km 874, Palacio Cue km 860, Estánley km 826, Dos Hermanas km 816, Arrecife km 809, Concepción Riacho Carmelo km 781, Alegre km 757, Romero Cue km 728, Yaguareté km 713, La Bretona km 700, Lomas km 510, Villa Rey km 492, Asunción Tres Bocas

km 430, Villa Hayes km 416, Isla del Toro km 658, Pedernal km 645, Rosario Almirón km 565, Pando km 543, Elvira km Remanso Castillo km 406. South Zone; Asunción, Ita Pyta Punta km 387, Sanha Hu km 384, Medin km 368, San Antonio km 363, INC Villeta km 354, Villeta km 353, Puerto Seguro Fluvial Angostura km 347, Itapiru km 343, Guyrati km 340, Santa Rosa km 320, Vuelta Alegre km 307, Lobato km 290, Paraíso km 284, Dalmacia KM 274, Sepultura km 270, Emilia km 261, Ninfa KM 223, Vuelta Formosa km 208, Aquino km 176, María Po'i km 169, Vuelta Viscaya km 165, Vuelta Mburika KM 130, Vuelta San Rafael km 122, Laguna Perdida km 118, Pilar km 89, Bermejo km 82, Vuelta Humaitá km 49, Vuelta Curupayty km 33, Confluencia Liberación Rio Paraguay km 0.

7th. Navigation between the sections including REMANSO CASTILLO km 404 to CONFLUENCIA km 0, where vessels with a length greater than (105) one hundred and five meters and a beam greater than (18) eighteen meters, or those that do not have the possibility of dividing during navigation, will establish a reduction of (01) one foot of draft, with respect to the maximum draft limit in force, this Provision will be applicable only in times of low water and when the maximum draft allowed is equal to or less than (10') ten feet. The Provision obeys the existing difference between ships with keel and barges, which differ in the amount of thrust by the nature of their structure, which directly affects their maneuverability, stability and draft.

8th. Navigation for the crossing of the Bermejo Pass km 1320 to km 1322 of the Paraguay River, will be limited to the periodic bathymetric survey and will be communicated by radio notice "11 BRAVO" frequency of the Pilar Zone Prefecture, any variation of the Permitted Draft Limit of the mentioned pass, maintaining at all times the safety of navigation and the preservation of the fluvial environment.

9th. Captains during navigation will take into account as a safety measure, that in the Aguirre Pass (South) between km 384 and km 385 reference km 0 of confluence, there is a "Sunken Hull of approximately 20x8 meters in dimension" at coordinates 25°17.993'S, 57°40.993'W.

10th. Captains will strictly comply with the provisions of Art 59 of Law 476/57, with the provisions of Articles 904 to 969, Title III, of the Captains, of the CODE OF COMMERCE and with all current legislation in the Republic of Paraguay inherent to their profession.

11th. Vessels that have completed departure dispatch prior to the date of this resolution, will be governed in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 62/25 until their arrival at destination.

12th. The Deputy General Naval Prefect, Head of Fluvial Police, Zone Prefectures, Sub Prefectures and Naval Detachments, will control the strict compliance of this Resolution.-----

13th. Communicate to whom it may concern and once completed, file it.

Given in the Port of Nuestra Señora Santa María de la Asunción, on the twenty-third (23) day of the month of April of the year two thousand and twenty-five (2025).

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