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The Swedish Maritime Administration's observations and comments in regard to the notification in accordance with Espoo Convention about the plans for offshore windfarm "Windanker" within the German EEZ

Introduction

The Swedish Maritime Administration (SMA) is a governmental agency responsible for availability, accessibility and safety of waters and fairways in Swedish Territorial Waters and within Exclusive Economic Zone. Furthermore the Swedish Maritime Administration (SMA) strives for high quality and environmentally friendly seaborne transportation, for regional growth as well as development of equal and sustainable transport networks and systems.

Comments

The considered part of the Baltic Sea is characterized by very intense seaborne traffic, with its highest concentration in the areas of and between the TSS's (TSS In Bornholmsgat and TSS North of Rügen) and within adjoining waters with established traffic paths to, among others, the Swedish ports.

SMA would like to pay attention to the fact that any significant changes in the traffic pattern and routes, engendering detours and thus increasing distance to the vessels' destination points, could impose additional burden on shipping and entail some unwelcomed environmental effects such as increased bunker consumption and higher emission level of exhaust gases. In this particular case the changes in traffic patterns resulting from the cumulative effect of establishing both the subject and other windfarms in adjacent area can be expected. Therefore it would be of vital importance to identify the spatial needs of shipping in regard to current as well as future traffic in the area of consideration as well as in the southern Baltic Sea. Further reservation of appropriate corridors for seaborne traffic within the

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area in question would secure enough space aiming to avoid significant constraints for shipping as well as further burden to environment.

SMA expresses belief that appropriate analyses will be conferred with relevant bodies and parties concerned, aiming to take preventive steps against any negative impact on safety of shipping and accessibility for shipping.

Kind sharing of results of further analyses related to safety of shipping, such as these described in p.4, page 23 of the "Technical description of project" would be highly appreciated by SMA.

In the case of any increased vessels' activity within the adjacent Swedish EEZ is expected under construction phase, the proper notice should be given in advance to SMA's Hydrographic Office, NtM/BALTICO, by the e-mail to ufs@sjofartsverket.se.

Opinion

The Swedish Maritime Administration submits above mentioned observations in regard the plans to construct and operate the offshore windfarm "Windanker" as notified by the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency.

Above mentioned has been decided by the Head of the Infrastructure unit, Marielle Svan, in participation with the senior nautical adviser at the Infrastructure unit Tomasz Krzyński, the latter as reporting officer.



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