



# MIDDLE EAST NAVIGATION AIDS SERVICE NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### **SOUTHERN GULF: MANDATORY INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS)- RAK PORTS (UAE).**

Refer to Circular No.5 of 2018 issued by Federal Transport Authority – Land & Maritime (UAE), on the above subject, wherein it is advised that:

All foreign-flagged commercial ships regardless of their size and type, and vessels less than 300GT, which are not holding a Navigational license issued by FTA are required to have on board an Automatic Identification System (AIS) installed and kept on the operational mode, while calling UAE Ports or operating in UAE territorial waters or Exclusive Economic Zone.

Dhows have been given a temporary exemption by the FTA. RAK Ports will therefore permit their entry until such time the exemption is withdrawn.

Mariners are advised to ensure above requirements are met. Any vessel found to be not complying after 010000 UTC AUG 18 will be denied access to RAK Ports.

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**Mariners are requested to inform the Middle East Navigation Aids Service, P. O. Box 66, Manama, Bahrain immediately on the discovery of new dangers, or suspected dangers to navigation and changes or defects in aids to navigation noticed in Sub-Navarea IX - Gulf and its Approaches.**

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