



KPI Information Update IU-85-2015 **(The new Suez Canal)**

New Navigation Rules

On the occasion of the opening of the new Suez Canal for navigation, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has issued [Circular No. 5/2015](#) which outlines the amended rules for navigation through the canal, effective from **6 August 2015**.

New Navigation Charts

The Egyptian Navy Hydrographic Department and Suez Canal Authorities, have issued 2 new charts to replace the existing UKHO coverage chart (ADMIRALTY Chart 233).

The two new charts are:

- SC01 - Suez Canal - Edition 1, dated 15th July 2015
- SC02 - Suez Canal - Edition 1, dated 15th July 2015

The authorities have advised that, with effect from 6th August 2015, no vessel will be permitted to transit the Suez Canal without the above charts being on-board.

As demand for the new charts is likely to be high, Members are advised to obtain these in good time.

New Rules for the Declaration of Weapons on Board

P&I correspondents Eldib Advocates have also advised that the Suez Canal Authority has issued a new set of rules which requires all ships to submit a signed and stamped letter of commitment stating that the ship has no weapons on board. Copy attached.

Northbound ships must declare all weapons on board (at least 72 hours in advance), landing them at Safaga naval base, where they will be held until the ship returns to the Red Sea.

Southbound ships must declare all weapons on board (at least 72 hours in advance), landing them at Port Said where they considered as *cargo in transit* and escorted from Port Said to Suez and returned to the ship on completion transiting the canal.

Private Maritime Security Company (PMSC) weapons held at Safaga Naval Base may be collected by the agent of a southbound vessel carrying PMSC personnel from the same company. Members with vessels transiting the canal and who are unclear as to whether the above applies to them should contact their local agent and / or P&I correspondent.