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A	ALPHA	Ship	Name, call sign or ship station identity and flag.
B	BRAVO	Date and time of event	A 6 digit group giving day of month (first two digits), hours and minutes (last four digits). If other than UTC state time zone used
C	CHARLIE	Position	A 4 digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with N (north) or S (south) and a 5 digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with E (east) or W (west); or
D	DELTA	Position	True bearing (first 3 digits) and distance (state distance) in nautical miles from a clearly identified landmark (state landmark)
E	ECHO	True course	A 3 digit group
F	FOXTROT	Speed in knots and tenths of knots	A 3 digit group
G	GOLF	Port of departure	Name of last port of call
H	HOTEL	Date, time and point of entry into system	Entry time expressed as in (B) and entry position expressed as in (C) or (D)
I	INDIA	Destination and expected time of arrival	Name of port and date time group expressed as in (B)
J	JULIET	Pilot	State whether a deep sea or local pilot is on board
K	KILO	Date, time and point exit from system	Exit time expressed as in (B) and exit position of expressed as in (C) or (D)
L	LIMA	Route information	Intended track
M	MIKE	Radio	State in full names of communications stations/ frequencies guarded
N	NOVEMBER	Time of next report	Date time group expressed as in (B)
O	OSCAR	Maximum present static draught in metres	4 digit group giving metres and centimetres
P	PAPA	Cargo on board	Cargo and brief details of any dangerous cargoes as well as harmful substances and gases that could endanger persons or the environment

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Q	QUEBEC	Defects, damage, deficiencies, limitations	Brief details of defects, damage, deficiencies, or other limitations.
R	ROMEO	Description of pollution or dangerous goods lost overboard	Brief details of type of pollution (oil, chemicals, etc) or dangerous goods lost overboard; position expressed as in (C) or (D).
S	SIERRA	Weather conditions	Brief details of weather and sea conditions prevailing
T	TANGO	Ship's representative and/or owner	Details of name and of ship's representative and/or owner for provision of information
U	UNIFORM	Ship size and type	Details of length, breadth, tonnage and type etc as required
V	VICTOR	Medical personnel	Doctor, physicians' assistant, nurse, no medic
W	WHISKEY	Total number of persons on board	State number
X	X-RAY	Miscellaneous	Any other information