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General

Ecuador is located in the W part of South America, bordering the Pacific Ocean at the equator, between Colombia and Peru.

The climate is tropical along the coast and cooler inland.

The terrain is coastal plain, inter-Andean central highland, and flat to rolling eastern jungle.

Pratique

Radio pratique is not normally granted. Notice of arrival is to be given 24 hours prior to arrival to Radio Naval Guayaquil, call sign HCG. The original message must be sent in Spanish.

CAPUERTO

MEDICO SANIDAD

ADMINISTRATOR ADUANA (followed by name of port)

IMMIGRATION "vapor procedente — no enfermos abordo, no explosivos no pasajeros para — pasajeros en transito — tons carga para descargar — sacos correo para descargar eta boya — agencia — Capitan.

SS — from — no sick on board, no explosives no passengers for Guayaquil (or name of port) — passengers in transit —

tons cargo to discharge — bags of mail to unload ETA sea buoy — agency — Captain."

1. Name of vessel.
2. Nationality of vessel.
3. Last port and port of call.
4. Number of passengers.
5. Number of weight tons of cargo for the port.
6. Number of bags of mail.
7. ETA at sea buoy, or buoy No. 1.
8. Agent's name.
9. Master's name.

The same message must be sent to the ship's agent. The boarding party usually arrives on berthing. All times should be given in GMT or Ecuadorian Time.

The vaccination certificates should be ready in the same order as the crew lists.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the sucre, divided into 100 centavos.

Government

Ecuador is a republic, with 21 provinces governed by an elected President and Vice-President. The capital is Quito.

Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

January 1, New Year's Day; Carnival; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; May 1, Labor Day; May 24, Battle of Pichincha;

July 24, Simon Bolivar's Birthday; August 10, First Declaration of Independence; October 9, Anniversary of Guayaquil; October 12, Columbus Day; November 2, All Soul's Day; November 3, Anniversary of Cuenca; and December 25, Christmas Day.

Industries

The main industries are based on petroleum, food processing, textiles, metal works, paper products, wood products, chemicals, plastics, fishing, and lumber.

Languages

The official language of Ecuador is Spanish. Quechua, the language of the Inca empire, is also spoken.

Pilotage

Pilotage is reported compulsory for all vessels over 500 gross tons. Vessels should await the pilot off the sea buoy at all ports unless instructed to the contrary. The pilot must be requested by the agent at least 12 hours in advance.

In Ecuadorian waters, pilotage is compulsory at Puerto Bolivar, Rio Guayas, the approaches to and Puerto Maritimo de

Guayaquil, Salinas/La Libertad, Manta, Bahia de Caraquez, Balao Oil Terminal, Esmeraldas, and San Lorenzo.

Regulations

All vessels, when entering a port belonging to Ecuador, must display the flag of that republic at the fore-masthead, and keep it displayed until the vessel has been visited by the port officials.

Vessels approaching any port in Ecuador should send ETA 24 hours in advance to Guayaquil coast radio station.

A mandatory ship reporting system applies to vessels navigating within 200 miles of Ecuador and between the mainland and Archipelago de Colon. See the Appendix for further information on this reporting system

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ROMEO (+5).

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Avenida 12 de Octubre and Avenida Patria, Quito.

The mailing address is APO AA 34039. There is a Consulate General in Guayaquil.

Appendix of Ecuador Ship Reporting System

This is a mandatory system and applies to vessels navigating within 200 miles of Ecuador and between the mainland and Archipiélago de Colon.

Reports should be sent through Guayaquil (HCG) and addressed to COAST GUARD (COGUAR). Vessels should send reports, as follows:

1. An SP report immediately after sailing.
2. An FR report when entering Ecuadorian waters or at least 12 hours before ETA at the port.
3. A PR report as required.
4. A WP report 3 hours before entering and 3 hours before leaving Ecuadorian waters (for ships on passage).

Table of Message Formats and Message Requirements

Designator	Information	SP	FR	PR	WP
A	Message type: e.g. SP, FR, PR, or WP.	X	X	X	X
B	Vessel name, flag, and call sign.	X	X	X	X
C	Date and time of report (local time), in 6 digits.	X	X	X	X
D	Last port of call for FR and WP. Next port of call for SP.	X	X		X
E	Position (latitude in degrees and minutes N or S and longitude in degrees and minutes W).	X		X	X
F	True course in degrees (3 digits).	X	X	X	X
G	Speed in knots (to nearest knot—2 digits).	X	X	X	X
H	Next port of call for FR and WP. Last port of call for SP.	X	X		X
I	ETA at next port of call (6 digits as in C).	X	X		X