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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 167.1 Purpose.**

The purpose of the regulations in this part is to establish and designate traffic separation schemes and precautionary areas to provide access routes for vessels proceeding to and from U.S. ports.

**§ 167.3 Geographic coordinates.**

Geographic coordinates are defined using North American 1927 Datum (NAD 27) unless indicated otherwise.

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**§ 167.5 Definitions.**

(a) *Area to be avoided* means a routing measure comprising an area within defined limits in which either navigation is particularly hazardous or it is exceptionally important to avoid casualties and which should be avoided by all ships or certain classes of ships.

(b) *Traffic separation scheme* (TSS) means a designated routing measure which is aimed at the separation of opposing streams of traffic by appropriate means and by the establishment of traffic lanes.